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MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

The Regiment's birthday, 21 December 1984, marked the beginning of the second year of the second century of service to our monarch and our country, a year with new challenges and opportunities for new achievements. As a Regiment, we have continued to hold up the traditions and standards of those who have gone before us whether actively serving in West Germany or in Canada, whether extra-regimentally employed or as a retired supporter in the association. My visits to the Regiment in Munsingen, Lahr and Gagetown have made me aware of the tremendous pride, morale and professionalism that allows succeeding cohorts to maintain and improve upon the performance of their predecessors.

Your performance in the field and during Leliefontein week in 1984 was outstanding and does credit to both LCol Dean for the solidly based unit he handed over, and to LCol Graham for the new spirit and sense of achievement reflected in your collective success.

On behalf of the Regiment, I wish to express the appreciation of all current and former members of the Regiment and to BGen J.P. Gautier, DSO, CD, for his service as Colonel of the Regiment. I am proud to be his successor and look forward to working with all elements of the Regimental family to build an even stronger unit for the future.

G.C. Bell, MBE, CD
Brigadier-General (Retired)
Colonel of the Regiment
The Royal Canadian Dragoons



THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

The Regiment has commenced its second century of continuous service and, in typical fashion, our 101st year has been another very busy one. A full training year was planned and completed and we may all take pride in the fact that we are well prepared to perform our operational role in the Brigade. There never comes a time to sit back and put our feet up however, and 1985 includes another Annual Technical Inspection, Gun Camp and Canadian Army Trophy Competition, Munsingen, summer rotation, FALLEX, etc. We will again meet the challenges and, I hope, continue to have fun soldiering.

Our Regimental family spirit is very much intact. The social life has been active and most enjoyable and our ties to the RCD Association and to our Partnerschaft units have continued to strengthen. The Wives' Club provides outstanding support and our Cadet Corps is busy and well manned. BGen Bell has very quickly made an impression on us all and I'm sure you join me in expressing delight that he has accepted the appointment of Colonel of the Regiment.

RSM Marriott has been commissioned to the rank of Captain – a fitting tribute to an excellent soldier who has stood as an example to each and every one of us throughout the years. It pleases me to contemplate Capt Marriott's future prospects as an officer and I am equally pleased to welcome his replacement, RSM Martin, the 35th in a line of very distinguished soldiers.

On the down side, we lost one of our fine young soldiers. The untimely death of Tpr Roberge caused a grief that will not soon pass.

Let me repeat a few meaningful lines from the closing chapter of our Centennial History. «A Regiment is born by the stroke of a pen, but it can only grow in stature and prosper because of soldiers who nourish and feed it and lead it and care for it . . . The Dragoons go with it (the future), heads up and eyes right saluting past generations of troopers, into their second century».

D.J. Graham, CD
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer
The Royal Canadian Dragoons



RSM'S MESSAGE

1984 has come and gone. All too fast I might add. It was a very successful year with our aims and accomplishments meeting the Dragoons' high standard.

This is my final message as the Regimental Sergeant Major and it is with much regret that I have to pass on the reins to another well-deserving Dragoon. It has been a wonderful and interesting three-year tour for myself, Irma and the family. No one can ever say that the learning stage is over. I have learned much during my tenure as your RSM. I have met many loyal and professional people, such as the Senior Serving Dragoon, the Colonel of the Regiment, our career managers and many more. To these people I say, thank you for your loyal and trusted advice and, above all, your support.

Leaving the Regimental life will be no easy task. The comradeship and the close-knit family «esprit de corps» will be sadly missed. I am confident that as our roles increase and become more demanding, that you, as «Dragoons», will accomplish all assigned tasks well.

I must, in closing, thank the ladies of the Regiment, in particular the one who has stood behind me so faithfully, for all their support to the Regiment, especially during our exercise periods.

In summary, I say to the commanding officer, officers, warrant officers, senior NCOs and all the men of the Regiment that it has been my honour to serve with you. Although I leave Regimental life, my thoughts will always be with you.

Aufwiedersehen and Good Shooting!

R.J. Marriott, CD
Chief Warrant Officer
Regimental Sergeant Major
The Royal Canadian Dragoons

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS ASSOCIATION**

It was a great pleasure for me to join with all members of the Regiment in their celebration of the eighty-fourth anniversary of the Engagement of Leliefontein. Added to my experiences were my first attendance at a Guild General Meeting, a Fun/Sports afternoon (that was fun if you overlook the Pig-out Rally), my first Leliefontein Parade with an armoured roll past, and a series of social events that were most enjoyable.

For me, it was a chance to step out of the past and into the present and I'd like to establish a bridge for those who are at present serving with their «future» past. I would hope that you make the determination to join the Royal Canadian Dragoons Association at the appropriate time and assist in maintaining an active, strong and useful Royal Canadian Dragoons Association.

We have a good organization through which we can do together that which we cannot do alone. We have a place to meet old friends and to make new ones.

We are able to provide the means to keep informed on what is happening at and to the Regiment and to assist those currently serving. When your active service is complete, don't lose touch; join with us in the Association, just for old time's sake.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Association, I extend best wishes and my own thanks for the courtesies extended to me by all members of the Regiment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E.C. Nokes', with a stylized, flowing script.

E.C. Nokes, President
The Royal Canadian Dragoons Association



1984 IN REVIEW

January

03 Back to work
* D&M Courses
* Refresher Training
* Brigade Ski School

February

* D&M Courses
13-17 Brigade Officer
Study Week
* Small Arms Refresher
Training
* Brigade Ski School

March

5-9 Heuberg Small
Arms Camp
* Driver (Wheeled)
Courses
* Gunnery
Refresher Train-
ing

April

6-27 Hohne Regiment-
al Gun Camp
Recce Squadron
in Soltau
22-27 Recce Squadron
Swim Camp



May

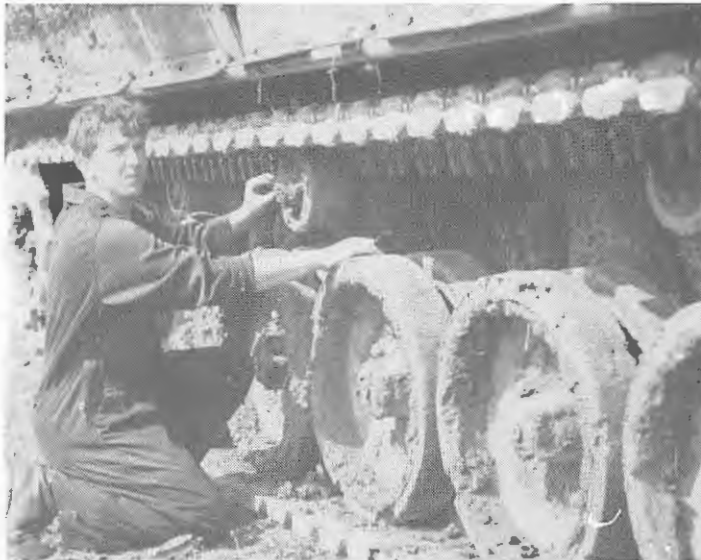
2-8 Ex Snake Bite
IX
8-11 Ex Stern Defend-
er (Bde CPX)
15-17 Officers visit
Cassino-Liri Val-
ley

June

* Prep for Rotation
22 Change of Com-
mand

July
 16-20 Nijmegen Marches
 10-14 Ex Flinker Ingel
 (1 Mtn Div CPX)
 20 4 CMBG Change of
 Command
 23 (10 Aug) Munsingen Training

 August
 1-10 Munsingen
 6-8 Ex Sterile Kick
 (Regt CPX)
 20 C Squadron Flyover
 24 (5 Sep) Hohenfels



September
 3-5 Ex Spur Bishop
 (Regt FTX)
 8-13 Ex Solo Passage
 (Bde FTX)
 14-21 Ex Flinker Igel
 (II GE Corps
 FTX)

October
 3-4 Brigade Sports
 Meet
 10 C Squadron
 Change of
 Command
 * Prepare for ATI

November
 5-9 Leliefontein Week
 19-23 Mini Gun Camp/Hohne
 (B Squadron)

 December
 * Prepare for ATI
 21 Regimental Birthday
 (101st)





REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

The RCD All Star team consisted of an entirely new lineup this year with only a few players remaining from the previous regime. The Regimental 2i/c, Maj MacLean, the Adjutant, Maj Forsyth, the Signals Officer, Capt Curley and the RSM, CWO Marriott, veterans of the previous successful year, stayed on as continuity for the newly arrived rookies.

The position of team captain was given to the new CO, LCol Graham, with LCol Dean's sweater being retired to the Hand-to-Hand Combat Hall of Fame. The new Operations Officer, Capt Egner, was drafted from some farm league in Borden; however, his batting average looked promising from previous years. The new Intelligence Officer, Capt MacNeil, arrived from Recce Squadron to keep tabs on the enemy play-by-play and Capt MacIntyre, the Regimental Liaison Officer, provided statistics to the owners at Brigade HQ. Capt Thomas and Sgt Beaton provided bodyguard service with RHQ Recce Troop.

So much for general managers and the like and on with the players. RHQ troop was formed prior to FALLEX. MVPs were selected from within the squadrons and sent to train under WO Reinson who, having completed a very successful year as SQMS in the Recce Squadron dressing room, arrived as head coach of RHQ Troop.

OA, the mainstay of RHQ, manned the pitcher's mound with MCpl Thériault and Tpr Lampert. Relief pitching was provided by OB with Sgt Slaght, Cpl Gendron, Cpl Gabbard and Tpr Dubie. The CO spent much of his time in the Designated Hitter position in his tank with WO Sloan, MCpl McNutt and Tpr Currie. The Regimental 2i/c pitch hit from 92 with MCpl Hammel, Tpr Carberry and Tpr Williamson. Cpl Madigan manned 9H, Cpl Griffin 9A and Tpr Parken 9E. MCpl Aymar drove the team mascot in a specially equipped 9C vehicle with security coming from Sgt Simon and his Rat Patrol. Cpl Gallagher played switch hitter bouncing from 9E to 91B to 92 to 9H.

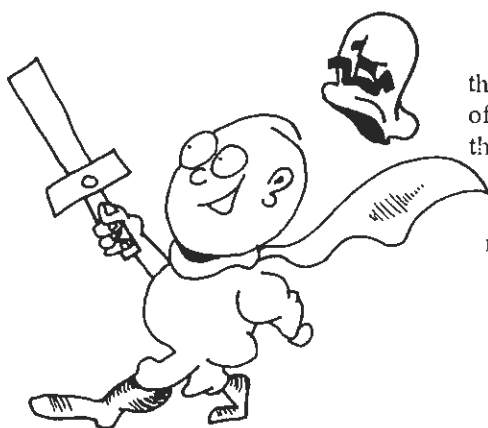
The opening game this year, of course, was held in the muddy playing fields of Munsingen. The troop practised setting up and tearing down the CPs under the watchful eye of WO Reinson. After much cursing and swearing the penthouses were raised for the first time. The crowds went wild! WO Reinson was satisfied with the effort but the results wouldn't do; apparently it was inside out. It was back to the Bullpen and after repeated practices by day and night, step up for RHQ troop became as easy as pitching spitballs.

During FALLEX concentration RHQ acquired new team members as all arms training commenced. Extra bleacher seats were installed as the other arms elbowed for front row seats at the CO's O groups. Tpr McEvoy, the Signal Officer's driver, was busy driving everybody except the Signals Officer. Tpr Dubie and Sgt Slaght battled a new enemy – the Brigade Trace. Cpl Madigan was awarded an unexpected trophy for his fancy footwork on the roof of 9H and MCpl McNutt was presented with his very own trophy – 92. After the mandatory visit to the fans lining the walls of Nürnberg it was off to the Corps Exercise where the abilities of the troop were again proven in the World Series of field training. The Operations Officer, however, was dispatched to Lahr to welcome the newest peewee member of the RCD team.

Following FALLEX . . . garrison routine. Cpl Gallagher was promoted master corporal. Troopers Williamson, Currie and Lampert successfully completed the Leopard gunner course and Troopers Carberry and Dubie complete CLC.

Final Score: Success all around. This year's All Star team will be hard to beat; however, no doubt a new team will be formed next year which will attempt to set new records. This regime wishes them best of luck and hope they have as much fun as we did.

In the beginning, it was decided that the Nation required a fighting force to protect the interests of the country and its people. It came to pass that a soldier evolved that was young, aggressive and brave. With time this soldier multiplied and became part of a troop. To ensure that this troop was well organized, disciplined and highly trained a sergeant materialized. And he was good!



To provide the required leadership and cavalry dash the Troop Leader appeared. With the increased numbers of soldiers, senior NCOs and young officers it was felt that they must be organized into yet a larger group and

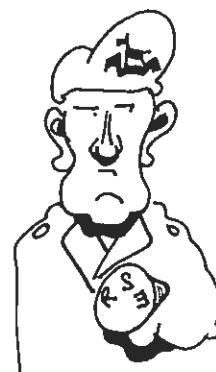
given a name. This group became known as the squadron and understandably required leadership. One of the senior NCOs and one older captain worked extra hard



and rose to the top and they were known as the Sergeant Major and the Officer Commanding. They were also known as other things but space restricts including such comment.



As time passed, the squadron multiplied to five and one sergeant major rose to the top as an example to all soldiers. He was christened the Regimental Sergeant Major and was regarded with awe.



To lead the regiment into battle and more often than not to fight the «paper war» it came to pass that NDHQ selected a Commanding Officer. And he was busy. And the Regiment was happy with its lot. They trained hard, maintained their tanks and participated in many brigade taskings and dog and ponies.



As time passed the Regiment fell into disrepair. There was something missing. NDHQ ordered an OSMED to be conducted to rectify this difficulty and found that a small cadre of hard working, intelligent people was required. And RHQ was formed and all was good.



Niner in the starting blocks.



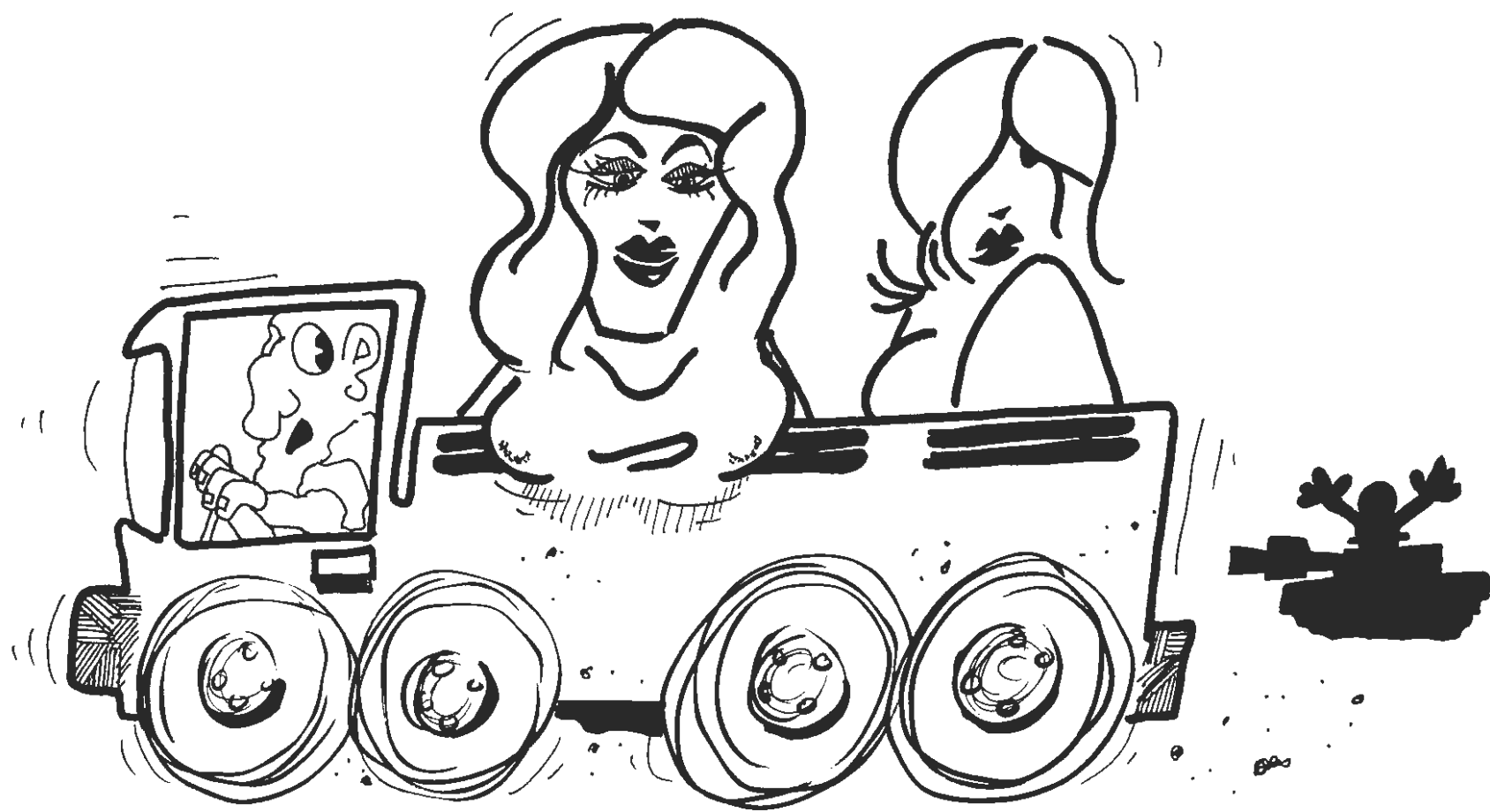
Tpr McEvoy supervises KP duty.



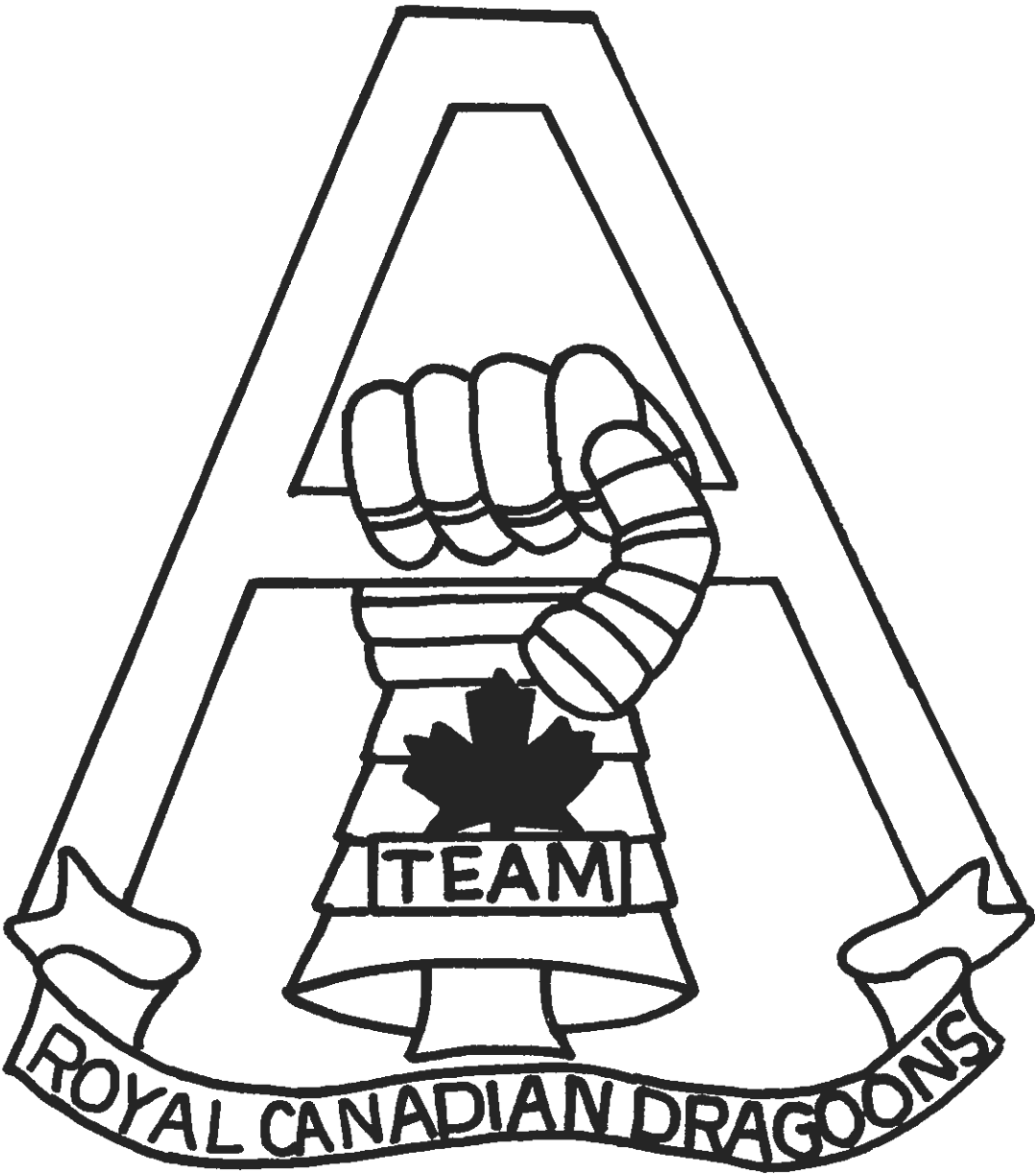
Another infiltrator captured.

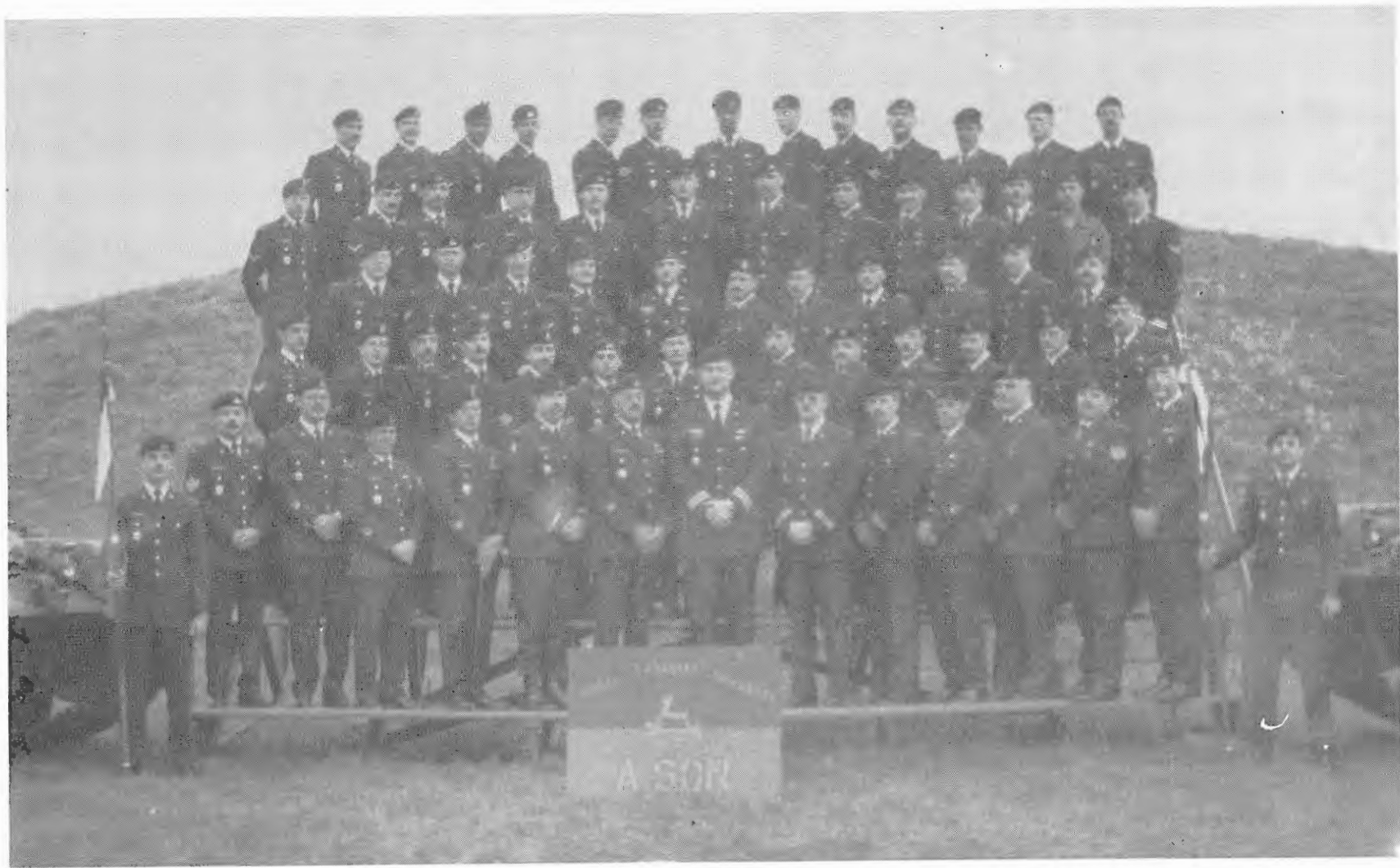


Another edition of «Gunnery» PAMS!



LEOPARD MBT VS 10 TON (LOADED) RACE





A SQUADRON

The year 1984 was a busy one for the «A-Team». After returning from Christmas leave the Squadron, and the rest of the Regiment, were heavily committed to the second Annual Technical Inspection (ATI). With no distractions this time, the Squadron quickly brought the vehicles up to the standard expected by the ATI inspection team. The hard work paid off with the Squadron obtaining good results in the ATI.

While all this maintenance was happening, some Squadron training did take place. Under WO Munger, Squadron gunnery training commenced. Gunnery instructors reviewed gunnery equipment with the same zeal that other crewmen normally reserve for Playboy centrefolds. The IMR reverberated with the sounds of «Sabot 1000, tank, on!» «Not observed» «Right over there, behind the house across from the car» and «Not observed».

Meanwhile, a cinderella story: the A Squadron hockey team won the inter-squadron hockey league. Although the team topped the league during the regular season we were not expected to win the play-offs. Other teams accused us of topping the league by protesting games and winning by default. However, the league president, our goaltender, was absolutely fair in dealing with these protests! We peaked just at the right time and skated to victory in the finals.

As the Heuberg small arms camp approached in March, the Squadron spent more and more preparation time on the Cambrai range. New highs in low scores were recorded. It appeared that one man's shot-out barrel was another man's two-inch grouping!

At Heuberg A Squadron ran the pistol range. Sergeants Proctor and Locke particularly enjoyed the daily trips to the range of the RSM and OC HQ Squadron and their attempts to qualify.

With April came the annual pilgrimage to gun camp at Bergen Hohne in northern Germany. The Squadron quickly became the darling of the Regiment. After a visit by the RSM, personnel on all the ranges were ordered into coveralls and web-belts. The RSM did not appreciate Lt Putt's jerkin or WO Moore's «tailored» coveralls.

After that initial firefight, the Squadron quickly got down to business. The crews went through the normal progression of firing all techniques, battle runs and troop shoots.

The long awaited Regimental gunnery competition finally arrived and the Squadron headed for the legendary Range 9 – the Mecca of the Advanced Armour Gunner (AAG) tribe. AAGs, despite faking indifference, looked upon the range like Islamic Jihad warriors must look at the Holy Land. After a briefing by the high priest of the sacred ground, we were ready to go. The long awaited trial passed all too quickly and, by the narrowest of margins, B Squadron won the competition.

Although disappointed, the «A-Team» had a very successful gun camp, completing all training goals, as well as a successful deep-fording camp – a first for many crewmen.

Upon return from gun camp the Squadron conducted post gun-camp maintenance and started refresher training. The fearlessness of the «A-Team» was severely tested during the NBCW refresher week when atropine training jets were used. After an initial briefing by Lt Puddister during which pliers were required to remove a needle injected into the lectum, the demonstration moved outdoors. As personnel waited to inject themselves, WO Moore carried out a demonstration. «Remove the clip, place the end against the meaty part of the thigh, press, hold five seconds and remove. No pain, no blood» he said as the blood spurted through his combat trousers. Coolly dropping his pants to apply first aid, he then ordered the palest looking soldier to inject himself.

The annual rotation period began in June. Maj Barsauskas took over the reins from Maj Price as Officer Commanding. Capt Hillier took over from Capt Hutchings as Battle Captain. Lt Barr became the Administrative Officer after Capt Bech was assigned as Commandant, Junior Leaders School 30 seconds after his arrival in Lahr. Lt Melville from 8CH (PL) took over Two Troop, 2Lt Oldham took over One Troop and Lt Puddister moved to Three Troop. WO Moore became Troop Leader, Four Troop. Fortunately, many of the warrant officers and senior NCOs remained. The advantages were very apparent as the «A-Team» prepared to move to Munsingen.

Munsingen was, in many ways, the highlight of the fall exercise period. The first week consisted of classroom refresher training. The captive audience aspect paid off. Once the training area became available the theory was put into practice. The Squadron quickly learned to work as a sub-unit.

Before the final exercise the annual Chicken Olympics were held. The opening ceremonies featured a scantily clad, but well camouflaged, Tpr Lucy lighting the eternal flame. Instead of running, however, he arrived perched atop the crane of Trooper ARV.

From there the games quickly degenerated. The egg race was over impossible obstacles. Tpr Vanhedgem won the watermelon-eating contest in a particularly stunning display of table manners.

The pick-axe handle race required so many turns around the handle that a few competitors lost their way and another couldn't keep his beer down. The talent contest, won by Tpr Pritchard and Tpr Hartley, was utterly sick.

Somehow, the results were tabulated and Four Troop was declared the winner. All in all, the Chicken Olympics reached a new low in tastelessness – a very enjoyable and successful event. A post-script to this year's event: Mrs. Marriott is no longer certain of her husband's bedtime persuasion.

The culmination of the Munsingen training period was the utilization of the Munsingen RMA by our tanks. Here the Squadron nickname, Cornbusters, was earned. Suffice it to say that a totally successful exercise was held and the Squadron quickly became the most talked about unit in the brigade and the centre of media attention. The usual problem of not staying low in the turret was eliminated following one of Sgt Locke's contact reports:

«14 this is 14A. There is a farmer outside with a rifle with a scope on it and he's about to use it, over.»

«14, Roger. Button up, out!»

After returning to Lahr for a quick refit it was off to the Hohenfels training area. The Squadron sought to instruct the infantry in the art of tank/infantry cooperation. After the infantry recovered from the initial shock of seeing tankers with camouflaged faces and no beer on their tanks (it's a long story!), we got underway. While 1 R22eR quartermasters frantically searched for «cam» paint for their own troops, the tankers of the «A Team» were busy. The infantry cleared defiles and gaps right and the ever vigilant tank crews had plenty of time to brew another cup of tea, coffee or soup.

The exercises went through the usual build-up to combat team, battle group, brigade and corps manoeuvres. During the entire period the Squadron was parcelled out to 1 R22eR and 2 PPCLI, – the latter allocating troops to different combat teams! The resulting resupply problems were a nightmare for the echelon. Despite wearing out several pairs of panty-hose, Sergeant-major Martin pulled it off (but not the panty-hose). The constant running resupplies kept the tanks topped up and operational. Maintenance teams showed up at all hours of the day and night to make repairs.

All personnel enjoyed the opportunity to work with II (German) Corps on Exercise Flieger Igel and got a glimpse of a large-scale exercise. It was a learning experience for all, particularly the new crew commanders who blocked off 45 days of orderly sergeant duties upon return to Lahr.

After FALLEX the «A-Team» started the usual heavy maintenance and clean-up. Most of the Squadron's AAGs went off to teach Leopard Gunner Course 8401. Lt Melville, WO Smith and several senior NCOs organized and ran the Leopard Driver Course. Forty students (20 from 8CH (PL) of Petawawa) took the course and most, but not all, managed to avoid hitting cars and the wash rack.

During November the annual Leliefontein celebrations took place. The Squadron had the honour of forming the Honour Guard for BGen Bell, the Colonel of the Regiment. The «A-Team» proved its athletic prowess by winning the Regimental Fun Sports Day. A high-powered team crushed the opposition in such contests as the Chuck-wagon race, the Pig-out rally (anchored by Maj Barsauskas) and the Egg Toss. In the only serious competition the «A-Team» demolished the opposition in the Tug of War.

A Squadron had a very successful year during 1984. A large percentage of its personnel were retained during the annual rotation and the resulting continuity created a strong close-knit team. All tasks were carried out with pride and professionalism. We all look forward to achieving the same high standard in 1985.

And remember! If you have a «commie» in your neighborhood, who ya gonna call?

Cornbusters – The A-Team!



Courtesy of Sgt Wheeler, C/S Fraser (alias 16) heads for the deep-fording basin.





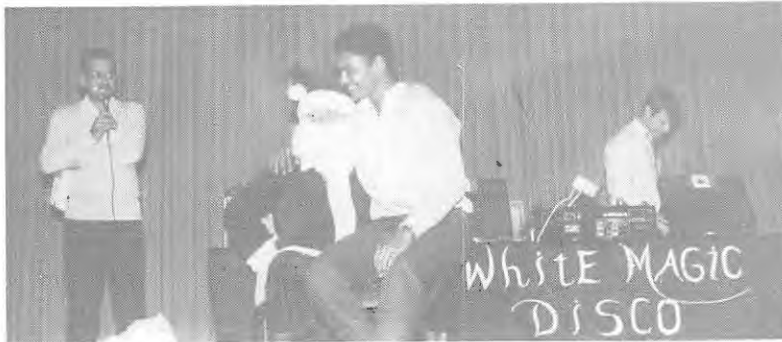
«The Squadron requires a weekend hide in this area. It must include a swimming pool and a good Gasthaus within 200 m. Know of a place?» Maj Barsauskas discusses deployment plans with SSM Martin during Hohenfels.



«Oui, monsieur; white or red wine?» Tpr Jones serves Tpr Brabant his birthday cake during Munsingen.



- Why is SSM Martin smiling?
- He doesn't have a run in his panty-hose.
 - Cpl Snow is looking for the key to the jeep.



Tpr Tummings meets Santa Claus.
«You want WHAT for Christmas?



Hi Big Boy; let's party! The RSM, Cpl Ciina and Tpr Spittal during the Chicken Olympics.



Can you spot the Chicken Olympics torch bearer in this photo? Tpr Lucy before his ride to light the Olympics flame.



LEOPARD GUNNER COURSE 8401

There are four corrections available to the tank gunner when firing HESH ammunition. What are they? Don't know? Well, there are 24 soldiers in the Regiment who do know, and know them very well. They are those soldiers who completed the Leopard Gunner course which ran from 3 October to 30 November.

Maybe it's a bit unusual to begin this article with a quickie test question, but as the RGO, I know my ex-students are not getting daily quickie tests back at their squadrons and undoubtedly miss them very much; so I couldn't resist the favour. Now I know they'll read the rest of this article.

After the usual human sacrifices and pagan dances were performed for the squadron commanders the «Gunnery Gods» in the picture above miraculously appeared to pass on the secrets of tank gunnery to the special mortals selected for this course.

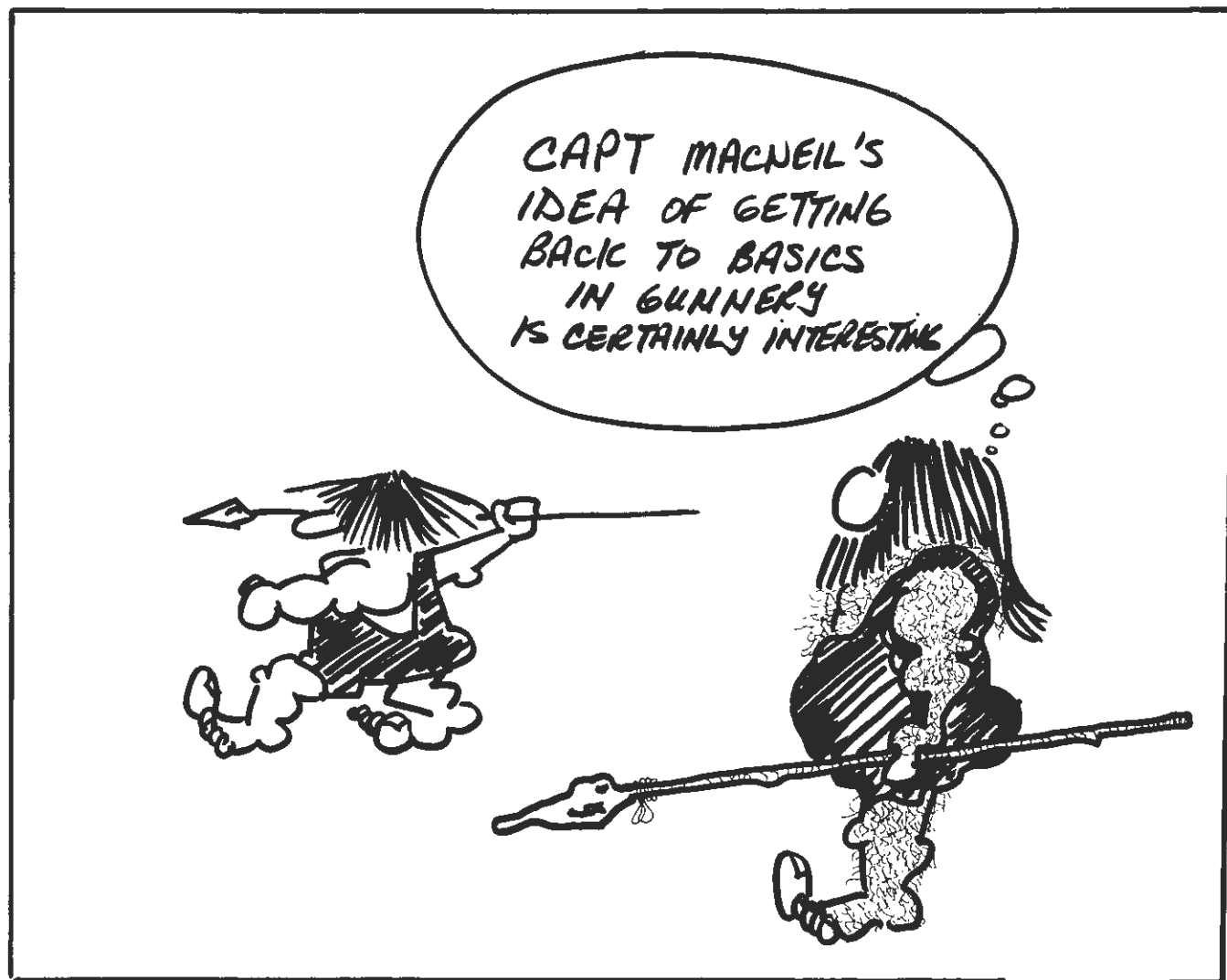
On day one we posed with the CO and RSM for the above mug shot. Tpr Parkens' camera flash introduced all to the «consequences of fire». As the photo shows, no one blinked on «Firing Now». The course had started.

WO Sloan, RGWO, then briefed the students, covering such points as what to do and what not to do, what to say and what not to say, what to touch and what not to touch. Generally, all points guaranteed to keep a smile on his face until 30 November. It was then off to the crew bays and on with gunnery.

Practical instruction was done between N-14 and the IMR. N-14 proved a bit cold and crowded. However, standing in front of those large doors listening to all crews talking gunnery at the same time was music to the ears.

IMR training was run on a crew competition basis: half points for proper gunnery techniques, half points for yelling the loudest in the gunners seat. Sgt Locke's crew came out on top in competition and carried the «Best Crew» pennant for the majority of the course. When students complained of seeing red dots in their sleep, we knew then we were ready for gun camp.

Gun camp proved to be nothing less than a very hectic week. The weather, cease fires and a German holiday turned a five-day gun camp into a 2-1/2 day race for qualification. «Bomb up till you puke» was one way of describing the action as a constant flow of ammo and empty casings went in and out of the pistol ports. In the end the required shoots for qualification were successfully completed and some massaging of the firing programme ensured an excellent day of HESH shooting on the final day. Although tired after a day on the ranges, many students still found enough energy for some small arms shooting in Hamburg.



RCD OFFICERS' MESS

1984 in the social life of Regimental Officers was not as George Orwell had predicted, but close.

The PMC, Maj B.E. Hook, ran a tight ship under the financial wizardry of Lt Jeff Barr (who attended the MacIntyre School of Mess Secing). The mess, although not by much, finally rid itself of its centennial debts. For the most part, this economic recovery was not due to Reagan's policies nor to Lt Tom Putt's (8 CH) introduction to bratties and spätzle, but to the many salad-platter specials appearing at the «field» table and the marked increase of «suds» consumption by the Regimental Subalterns. Unfortunately the latter activity, though profitable, did not prevent our brewery-sponsored furniture from disappearing late one night.

The mess dinner held late in March was a success, especially with the added attendance of the blackhat, «Foxhole U» gang from Kingston. Cpts Georges Rousseau and «Bear» Moffat were in fine form with their water-pistol antics with the PMC.

With April and May came gun camp and the annual pilgrimage of the Regimental Officers up to our «makeshift» mess in Bergen-Hohne. Our «makeshift» mess was actually much much nicer than our regular mess – but no one took notice. Oh yes, gun camp was highly competitive. After the many tennis, squash, trivial pursuit and HQ Squadron golf games, people actually took notice of the superb gunnery that was going on.

The Celle dining out was a good evening and, for a change, was fairly economical. Also up at Hohne, regimental exchange visits took place between our Officers and those of our Allied Regiment: The Blues and Royals, and also The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars. Much beer was swilled and lies told. Surprisingly enough, many British-type coveralls mysteriously appeared on the Canadian ranges the following day.

Summertime brought with it changes in personnel, and the Mess was not caught unprepared. By now, Maj J.J.B. Price, was the PMC of the mess; already a seasoned veteran with one A Squadron «bad taste» party under his belt. At the Change of Command-Rotation mixed dining in, LCol D.M. Dean said farewell, not to the «bums» and unarmed combat victims that had to work for him, but to the true soldiers – the ladies. It's really amazing how many kisses one can receive with a couple of bouquets of flowers and a few humorous lines. Overall it was a blowout evening with loads of dancing and drinking; the latter being done mostly by the rotating couples desperately guzzling down their last taste of Regimental wine.

The departing Officers were mugged out of the Mess late in June. Among them were such bad cats as, «Col» Dean, Maj Hook, Maj «Wilkie» Wilkinson, Cpts «Gorgeous George» Rousseau, Bob Black, «Smokin' Joe» Donnelly, «Combat» Scharf, and «Doc» Ward. They will be sorely missed. Also at this time many personal gifts were presented to the Mess by the departing members. Probably the most noteworthy among these was the Springbok head brought back from Africa by Cpts Rick Round and Mark Hutchings.

With our new Colonel, LCol D.J. Graham, came many other old Dragoons who were quickly and heartily welcomed back to the Regimental family by means of a Welcome BBQ. In addition to the many B-52 missions flown that night, Lt Bernie Kocher brought with him his food management skills, dazzling accounting abilities and outstanding bartending techniques to his new job as Mess Sec.

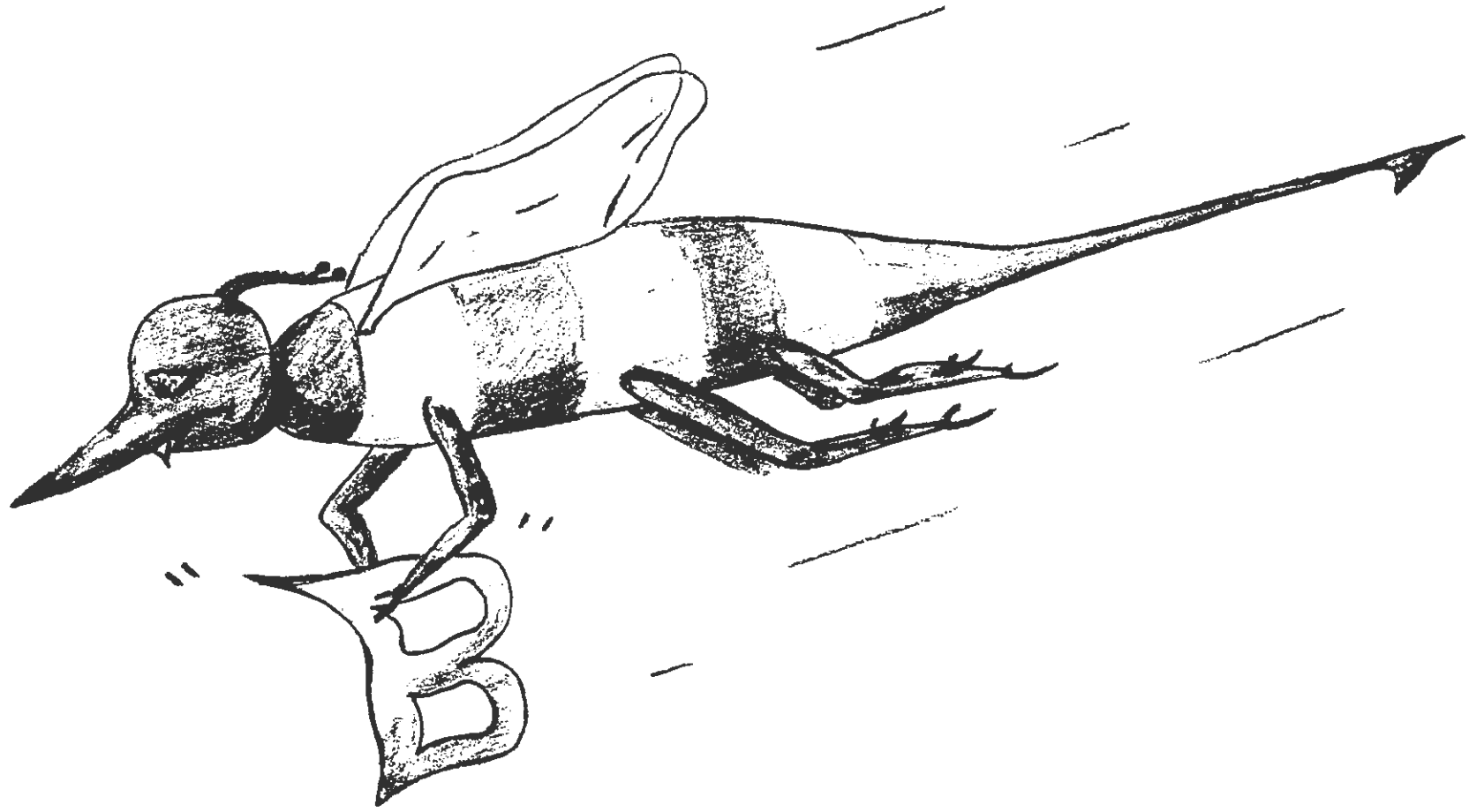
Prior to FALLEX, four new Lts arrived on this scene. With the Canloan program were Lts Gary Melville (8 CH) and Dave «Dog» Rundle (LDSH (RC)), and just off the presses were 2 Lts Craig Oldham and Dean «Pup» Milner. Needless to say these subbies quickly recovered from jet lag and were introduced to local social norms.

LCol Graham kicked off the annual Regensburg Romp with a short address and traditionally called upon the new officers to introduce themselves to the rest of the mob. The night amounted to, as Bogie would say: «a few drinks, a few laughs, and nobody got hurt». It made for a good break from the field.

Upon return to Lahr, HQ Squadron and, in particular, Capt Bob «Chico» Taylor fulfilled a life-long fantasy by sponsoring a 50's party complete with hula hoops, bobby socks and lots of grease. It was a super party and set the tone for parties of the future.

The Leliefontein mixed dining-in held November at the Black Forest Officers' Mess was also a mugging out for two respected Dragoons. BGen Pat Carew and Maj Andy Maclean were both honoured by the Regiment on their retirement.

All in all 1984 was a great and busy year in the Mess. Sure we lost to the Senior NCO's in broom-ball but we did beat them in softball on homers by Lt Lowell Thomas and the Adjutant, Capt B.J. Forsyth. Granted, George Orwell might have been wrong in 1984, but with such formidable events in the Mess as Lowell and Verene's wedding, Thursday night poker and the Subbies Hawaiian beach party, he wasn't far off in his earlier book: *Animal Farm*.





B SQUADRON

The year 1984 started off relatively quietly, considering that 1983 was the year of Centennial. The first task for the new year was completing the Annual Technical Inspection (ATI). Maj Taylor and Capt Black, in cooperation with WO Hargrave and Maintenance Troop, devised a schedule which allowed for maximum time to be devoted to maintenance and also allowed the Squadron to continue refresher training and begin a gunnery training package.

During February B Squadron participated in two fitness programs. One was the CF Express testing program and the other was the Brigade ski school in Feldberg. The refresher training continued with emphasis on small arms, first aid, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare and deep fording.

The weapons training paid off when the Squadron completed small arms qualification training in Heuberg. Even Cpl Mahon got a round through the target. Then it was the gunnery experts' turn to put everyone through the Indoor Miniature Range (IMR) in preparation for the annual regimental gun camp. Capt Leclair taught the crew commanders theory, while WO Sloan, Sergeants Emmerson, Galas and Rousseau put all the gunners and operators through their paces on the IMR.

Everyone was excited as they loaded the tank train early in April. Many personnel hoped to get a visit to one of the many historical areas around Bergen Hohne. The Squadron gunnery program began with the basics and worked each crew up to the most difficult practices. Finally the crew battle runs and troop battle runs were begun which prepared everyone for the final showdown on range 9. Before the competition the Squadron completed the deep-fording training. WO Jacobs was on hand with his trusty video camera to record the events. Everyone enjoyed the change of training, except Sgt Fischer and the driver of U-2B, Tpr O'Keefe. Nevertheless, the Squadron had the last laugh as the gun camp drew to a close. B Squadron won the Best Squadron Trophy in the Regimental Tank Gunnery competition. Callsign 23, manned by Lt Kocher, Troopers Ball, Stein and Fawcett, came second in the crew competition. After the long ride home it was back to cleaning equipment. For Three and Four Troops it also meant studying enemy tactics in preparation for Exercise Snakebite with 444 Tactical Helicopter Squadron.

June brought several command changes to the Regiment. BGen Bell took over as Colonel of the Regiment from BGen Gautier. LCol Graham took over from LCol Dean as Commanding Officer. In B Squadron we said goodbye to many who returned to Canada and many who took over different jobs within the Regiment. Maj Appleton took the helm from Maj Taylor, Capt Glauninger became the Battle Captain and Capt Richards filled the Administrative Officer position. WO Bouchard was the only new addition in the Maintenance Troop. Sergeants Shaw and Betts joined One Troop and Sgt Breckenried moved to Squadron HQ.

Just before deploying to Munsingen, Two Troop was joined by Lt Rundle from the Strathconas. Those people who took the train for the first time had trouble finding train tickets but MCpl Vlase finally found a solution to their problem just as the train was leaving. The weather cooperated while we were in Munsingen and worthwhile training was accomplished. The Squadron «strutted its stuff» for a day with 2 PPCLI. This allowed both units to begin to work together and to build a strong relationship. The Squadron sports day was won by Two Troop which showed everyone how to play ball and drink beer.

Upon returning to Lahr, the Squadron was joined by 2Lt Milner who went to One Troop. Shortly after, the Squadron loaded onto the train for Hohenfels training area and fall exercises. This time the weather did not cooperate as it often rained. It was a relief to return every night to the bivouac area for a hot meal, a shower and a movie. Training with 2 PPCLI was accomplished by detaching the troops to the infantry companies. Two Troop participated in the Brigade demonstration for the Staff College students who were visiting 4 CMBG. During Brigade exercise a Gepard was attached to the Squadron. Their crew found a friend in Cpl Weber.

During the II (GE) Corps Field Training Exercise, B Squadron was held in reserve for most of the exercise but, on the last day, set up a well hidden defensive position which surprised a battalion of Leopard 2's. A collective sigh of relief was heard as we pulled into a leaguer to prepare for the trip home.

One week after our return from fall exercises the Regimental and Brigade courses began. Sgt Shaw went off to instruct on the Combat Leader Course. Others were tasked as instructors on the Basic Gunnery Course and the Crew Commanders Course. All the master corporals in the Squadron were on the Crew Commanders Course. As well, Cpl Robitaille and Lt Kocher attended the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare course held in Lahr.

The Leliefontein celebrations were a big success and 2Lt Milner organized a fun-filled sports day to cap off a very busy week. Later in the month the Squadron travelled to Bergen-Hohne for the mini gun-camp. The fog prevented firing the first day but the rest of the week the guns were blazing. The Blues and Royals, our Allied Regiment, were also at Bergen conducting gunnery training. The officers and senior NCOs were invited to dinner and all enjoyed the exchange of views about training and equipment. The trip home turned out to be 24 hours long which proved to be a golden opportunity for a *Trivial Pursuit* tournament.

Three and Four Troops departed on 1 December for the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the City of Ravenna, Italy. Our interpreter was WO Darin-Zanco, the chief clerk. The flag party consisted of WO Prendergast, Sgt Breckenried and Sgt Muise. The city provided an excellent reception afterwards. They also presented a hand-painted plate which was accepted by Maj Appleton. The men were allowed an extra day of souvenir shopping and sight-seeing as travel arrangements were adjusted for the return trip. It was a long bus ride home, during the night through Italy and Switzerland, but everyone arrived in time for the Men's Christmas Dinner.

1984 was a busy and rewarding year. Once again, it was proven that «B» stands for «BEST» and all members of the Squadron look forward to the challenges of 1985.



SHQ is ready! Just can't wait to go on exercise.



B Squadron supported the mini gun camp in Bergen Hohne. Here the crew commanders course receives a range briefing.



Who said exercises were fun? Look at this mud!



B Squadron looks good during the change-of-command parade in June.



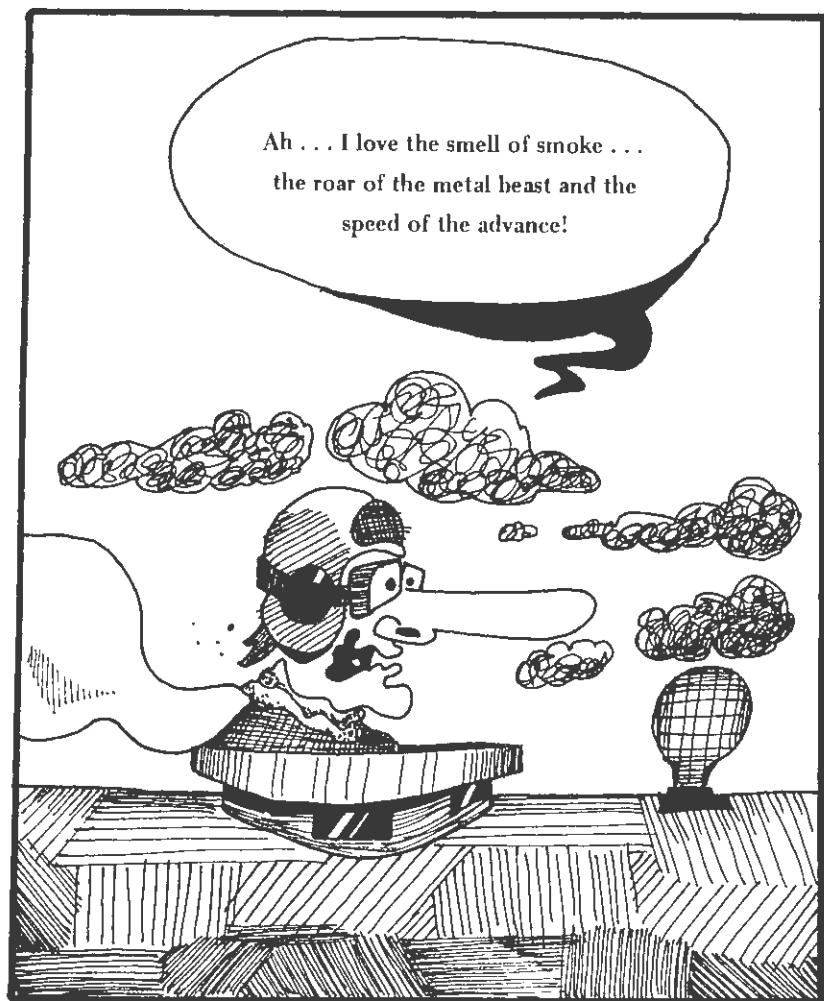
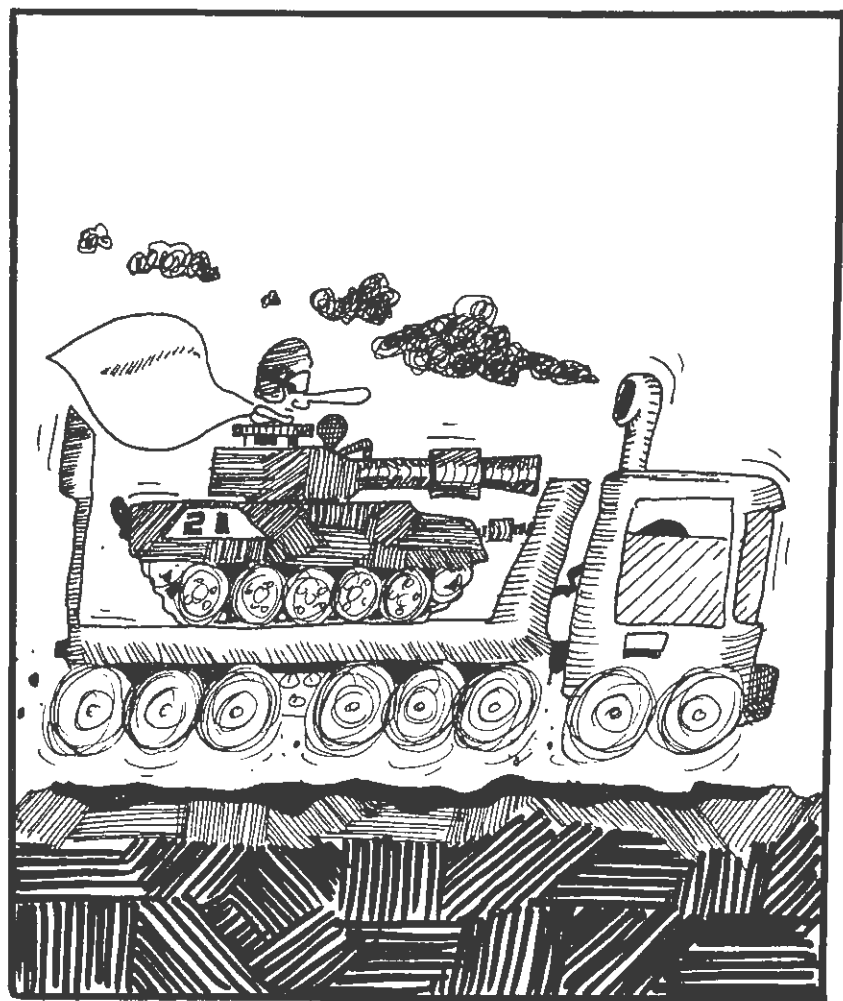
The Squadron Mess (Fest) tent at Range 5a in Bergen Hohne – always a popular place during gun camp.



Sgt Fischer delivers a lecture during refresher training at Munsingen.



Three and Four Troops, B Squadron and the CFE Pipes and Drums during the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Liberation of Ravenna, Italy.



RCD CADETS

The RCD Cadet Corps has had a very busy and exciting year. Training began in January with a weekend exercise (in the mud), including first aid training, marksmanship, drill, the star programs (we had two cadets attempt the gold star testing and successfully complete it) and other activities not usually found in the syllabus. We had a sports night, an obstacle course competition, NBC training and carried on with our hand-to-hand combat.

Our first aid team won the Baden Legion Trophy for first place in Canadian Forces Europe, came second out of 32 teams in Borden and came third out of 83 teams in the Mary Otter Competition in Toronto.

While the first aid team was in Canada the rest of the Corps was in England visiting British army sites and other places in Bovington and London.

Our annual inspection was a success with LGen Quinn taking the salute.

Our fall schedule has been just as busy. Eight cadets returned from summer camp, four cadets spent two weeks with A Squadron in Munsingen (corn-harvesting) and the new cadet sergeant-major, MWO Hepburn was busy trying to absorb some 20 new recruits. We carried on with star training, completed another weekend exercise, got a short communications course and visited Krauss Maffei and Munich in November.

The year ended with an inspection by LCol Graham, CO RCD, followed by the Cadet Christmas dinner.

1985 promises more of the same!



The RCD Cadet Corps at their annual Mess Dinner.

BOESELAGER 84

Each year since 1971, the Bundeswehr has sponsored the Boeselager Cup Competition to test reconnaissance skills at the patrol level. The Boeselager Cup was established in memory of Oberst Georg Freiherr von Boeselager who was killed while commanding the 3rd Cavalry Brigade on the Russian front during the Second World War. His name stands for the military values of gallantry, bravery and comradeship.

Team selection and intensive training for the RCD team began in early February. Physical fitness, AFV and aircraft recognition, night orienteering, skilled driving and SMG shooting were all important to the competition. These skills were thoroughly covered during the four-month training period. An important part of this training was an exchange of teams in April with a German Recce unit from Ingolstadt. This week-long exchange allowed the team to see how the Germans trained and to compare their skills against ours.

The actual competition was held during the last week of May in Lunenburg. The opening ceremonies were plagued by thunder-showers but the participating nations bore through it and finished the evening off with a live band, beer and food.

Two events were scheduled for the first day: a demanding swim with equipment across a 100-m canal and a recce patrol. The team encountered problems in the swimming, but did an excellent job in completing the recce patrol to give us second place for the first day.

On the second day the team competed in the SMG shooting event, encountering some problems, and AFV recognition in which the team placed second overall. The day was finished by a 26-km night-orienteering march.

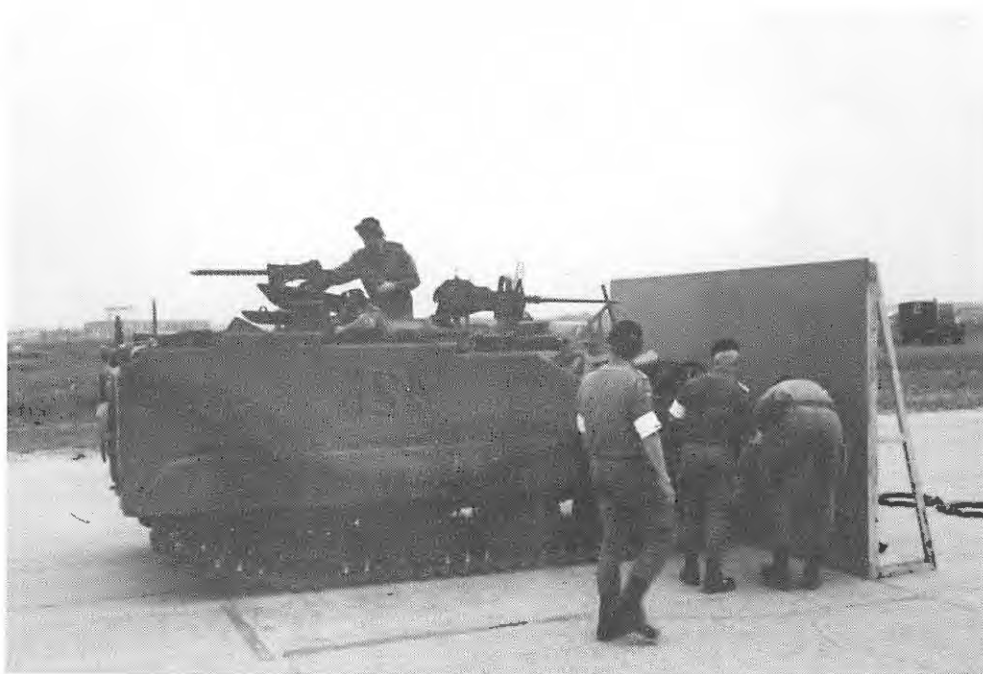
Day three had two events scheduled: the helicopter recce and then the skilled driving event, in which MCpl Proctor and Cpl Baril turned in an excellent performance. They placed first overall in that event.

The last event scheduled was the obstacle course early Friday morning. The team gave a 100 per cent effort throughout the 14-km event and placed a respectable third.

The closing ceremonies and party completed an excellent and exciting week. The team represented The Royal Canadian Dragoons and Canada well, placing fourth out of 13 Allied teams. All were in agreement that the hard work and effort were well worth it.



Lt Thomas upon completion of the helicopter recce event.



The skilled driving event requires intense concentration to ensure a first place finish.



The running has only just begun for the 4-km obstacle course.



Teamwork is the key to completing the obstacle course in a good time.

WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SENIOR NCOS' MESS

This report comes to you from amid the fun, good times and bustling activity of our Mess. ERE eat your hearts out!

The year 1984 was one of improvements and much social activity in the Rest Area. January began with several changes in the Mess Committee. SSM Ballard became PMC, taking over from SSM Grant. SSM Fougère became Vice-PMC. WO Jacobs relieved WO Braye as Entertainment Member. The remainder of the Committee volunteered to stay on. A most heartfelt thanks to all committee members for their dedicated time and efforts.

The year's social activities started with a smash event. A mixed funspiel was hosted by the RCR (and a fun event it was). SSM Grant lost his girl friend (she was only a bag of wind anyway). Then we had a little «mooning» by Sgt Paul Wheeler, and when the photo was presented to his wife Edna, by RSM Marriott, there was no denying it.

We did get serious in February when we visited the NATO Sergeants' Mess in Ulm for a couple of days to exchange ideas with our NATO peers. They returned the visit in October. Both events were most enjoyable.

Highlighting the year were several Squadron-sponsored functions. The first was a Western dance by B Squadron complete with hayrides. Boy, was the RSM tired pulling that MLVW around the ring road! The next morning the ROO (WO Chuck Hill) claimed that it took four cows all day to eat the hay left in the Rest Area.

The next function was a Halloween dance sponsored by HQ Squadron. It proved very interesting. The costumes were of various descriptions but well done. The Rest Area was appropriately decorated and even had a jail, complete with two well-rounded jailers.

A Squadron's turn came next with a Klondike night complete with sawdust on the floor, lots of gold nuggets, gambling, notables and ladies of the evening. The dress was quite impressive especially SSM Martin's red long Johns.

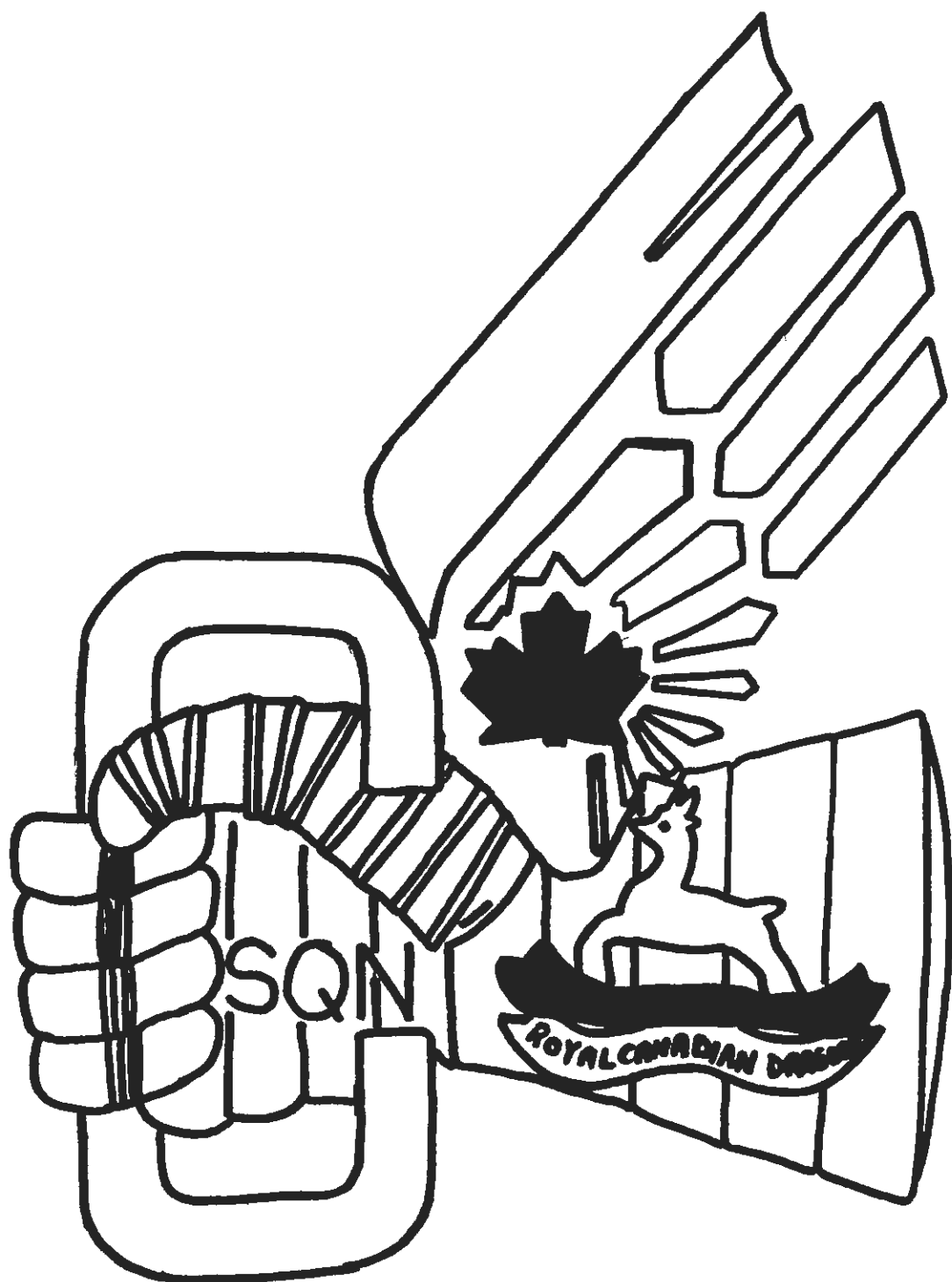
Following this was Recce Regiment's, oh I mean Squadron's, Christmas party complete with Santa and all the trimmings. This was without a doubt our biggest turn-out; it must have been Recce's special drink of the night.

Throughout the year the numerous social functions were well attended and enjoyable. Since the PMC must stay until the senior member leaves, he spent a lot of late nights hoping the RSM's wife, Irma, would go home before 0400 hrs.

Last but not least, we cannot forget our yearly defeat of the officers in broomball. They sure are lucky to keep that trophy each year.

As we reflect back over the year we can do so with pride. The projects and social events undertaken were numerous and were handled with the closeness and strength found only in the Regimental family. On behalf of the RSM and the committee we would like to thank the members for their efforts in 1984 and their continuing support in 1985.







C SQUADRON

If there is one word to describe the life of C Squadron, that word is active.

Throughout the year the officers and the men of the Squadron pushed themselves to meet the challenges and trials of the Squadron. Everything we did, from maintenance to parades to exercises (either our own, or in support of the Armour and Infantry Schools of the Combat Training Centre at CFB Gagetown) was performed at the highest possible standard. We're RCD and are proud to live up to the traditions and customs of the Regiment.

Our Squadron was formed on 21 March 1980 to provide an operationally ready third squadron for The Royal Canadian Dragoons in Germany. Also, it was to provide an operational tank squadron for the Combat Training Centre at CFB Gagetown. A good part of our time is spent supporting the schools.

Our year began with major maintenance. In January we made certain that our tanks were completely up to par. Everyone from troop leaders down was involved in changing track pads, changing engine oil, and doing the thousand-and-one items that are a part of major maintenance. No one stands back and watches — hands are made for using, and hands are lent where they are needed.

In February we had a two-week gun camp. It was highly successful and we look forward to the gun camp in 1985.

From March to October we provided tanks and soldiers to assist the Armour and Infantry Schools with two Armour TQ6A courses, two Armour Officer Candidate Phase III courses, the combined arms portion of the Infantry Officer Candidate Phase IV course and a Squadron Commanders Course. While all this was going on, we continued with individual, troop and squadron training. The benefits of this training were obvious in the skill and performance of our soldiers. We took part in Exercise Chain Mail — the Spring live-fire demonstration at CFB Gagetown.

In August we deployed to 4 CMBG for the NATO Fall exercises. Upon arrival in Germany we prepared our pre-positioned tanks and began training. By the time the exercise was over we had worked in combat teams, battle groups, and in brigade and corps-level operations.

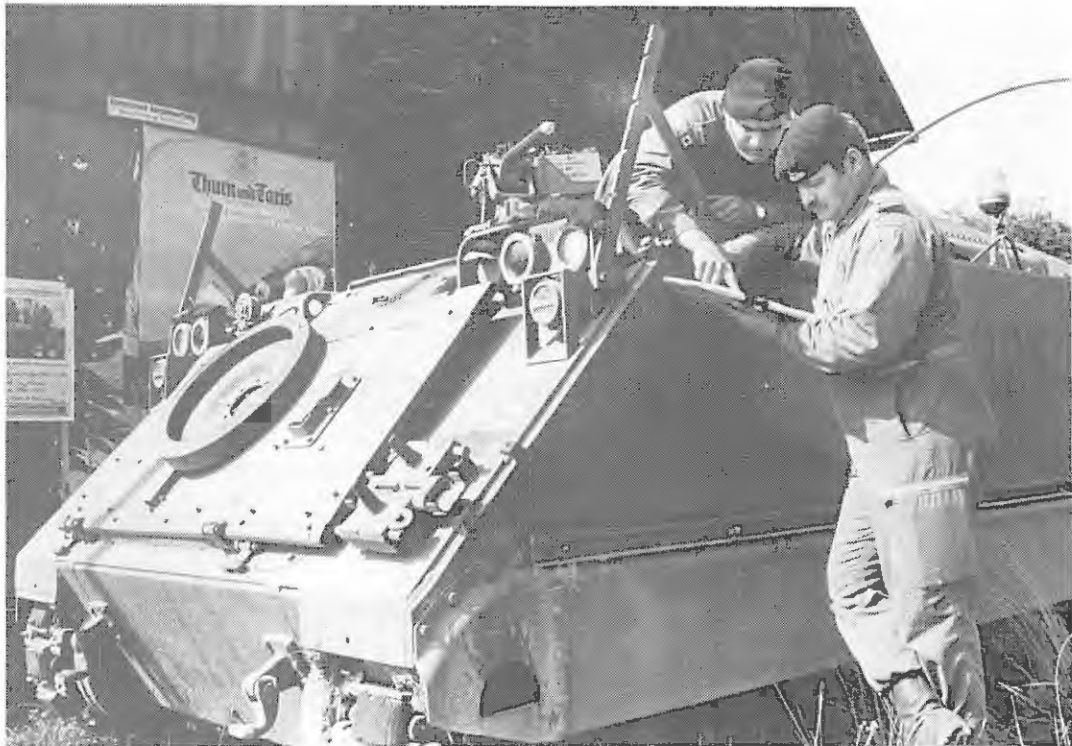
Once C Squadron returned to Gagetown after Fallex we immediately deployed to the field for Exercise Mobile Warrior — the Fall live-fire demonstration. From October until Christmas we conducted a gunnery course and a driver and maintenance course.

We celebrated Leliefontein in November with parades in Ottawa, Québec City (home of the late LGen Sir Richard Turner who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions in the battle), Petawawa (home of the RCD before the Germany deployment) and Gagetown.

While we were involved in our activities in Canada, C Squadron (fwd) in Lahr was busy all year preparing the tanks and equipment for our arrival in Germany. Not only do they maintain a squadron's worth of equipment in excellent condition with only a skeleton staff, but they still find time to excell in other areas. In the Spring of 1984 C Squadron (fwd) in Lahr won the RCD inter-troop gunnery competition at the Regimental gun camp at Bergen-Hohne.



Can you spot the three tanks in this picture?



Cpl Rochefort gets directions from Cpl Melanson.



What a nice picture.



39C has its beer coolers exchanged?



MCpl Heisler talks with a German Fuchs crew commander.



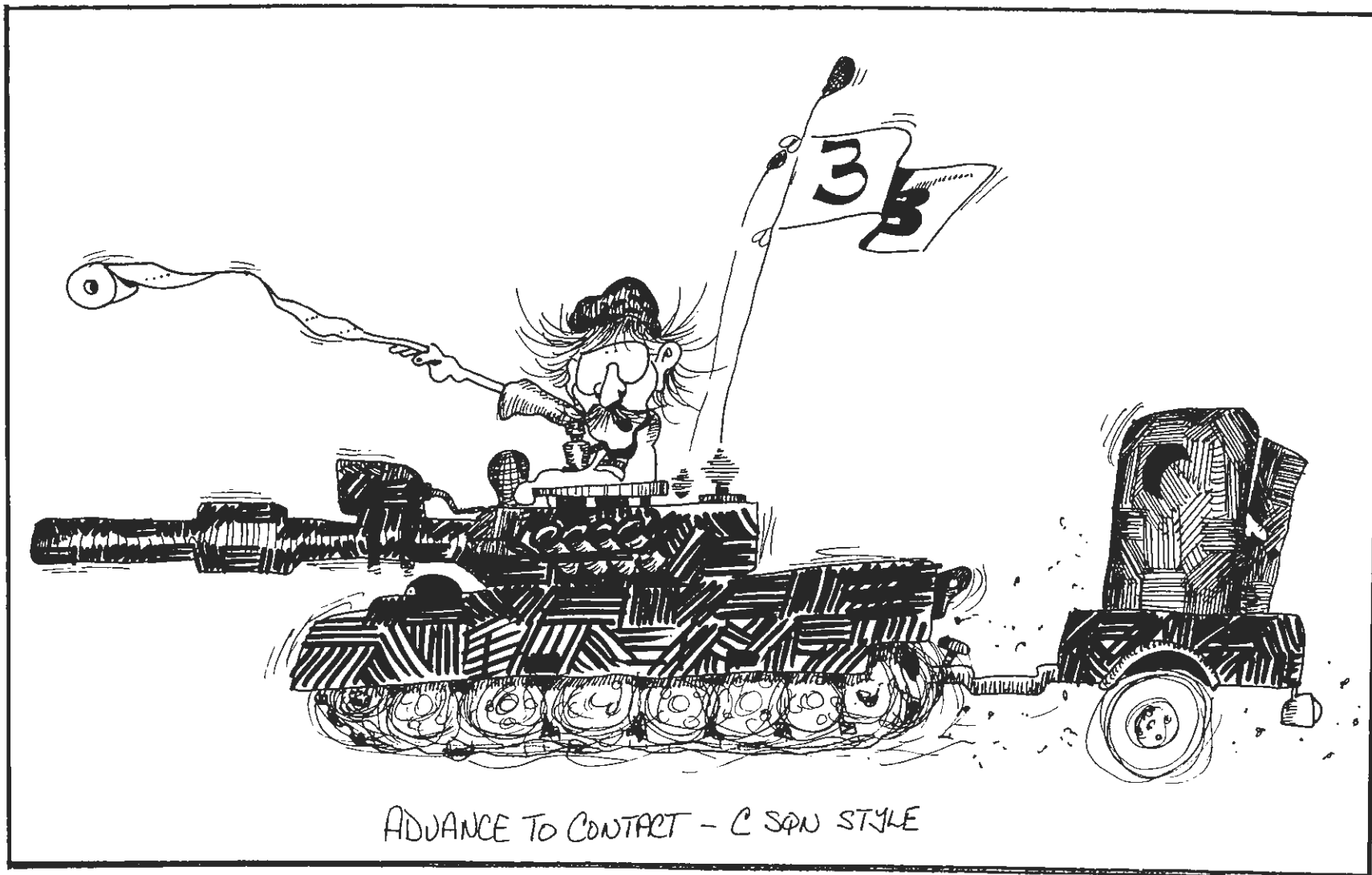
Cpl Martin, Tpr Price and friends.



Kit check before leaving for Canada.



Running Resupply: Tpr Smith prepares to hand jerry cans to Tpr Price.



ADVANCE TO CONTACT - C SQN STYLE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BRITISH ALLIED REGIMENT THE BLUES AND ROYALS

Commanding Officer:
Adjutant:
RCM:
Location:

Lt Col J.D. Smith-Bingham
Capt B.W.B. White-Spunner
WOI D.A. O'Halloran
Detmold, North Rhine Westphalia

1984 has been a year of change for The Blues and Royals primarily due to moving to The British Army on the Rhine from England, at the start of the year, and converting from an Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment equipped with Scorpion and Fox in Windsor to an Armoured Regiment in Detmold equipped with Chieftain. Our return to Germany has enabled us to achieve and do many things, one of which has been the welcome opportunity to re-establish links between ourselves and The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

The move of location and role brought its problems. The change of our fleet of tanks to the computerized Improved Fire Control System (IFCS), the requirement to carry out a normal training year within BAOR and a barracks rebuild combined to produce an extremely busy programme. We were last in Detmold between 1975 and 1980, and any thoughts of similarity were soon dispelled!

The Regiment was complete in BAOR by mid-February and low-level training took place throughout the remainder of February and March on our local training area, sending a squadron for five days at a time. Due to much of the trade conversion being carried out in Windsor it was important to achieve familiarization at the earliest opportunity. Familiarization with the considerably colder weather than UK was equally as important!

By April most soldiers had two of our three trades (Gunner, Driver and Operator) and this conversion programme continued until August to achieve the third trade. The Regiment deployed to Soltau at the end of April for Troop Training and we were fortunately blessed with glorious weather. Many of the RCD officers joined us for dinner in the field, and the WOs and SNCOs were also very well entertained by the RCD at Hohne, being the first opportunity for the two regiments to see each other again after some considerable gap.

Not less than four weeks after our return to barracks we were back on Soltau for Battle Group Training, giving us the first occasion to work with supporting arms – Artillery, Engineers, Helicopters – with a test exercise set by our Brigade during the last 48 hours. Our first IFCS tanks were with us at this stage and with gunnery camp being in November, dry battle runs were achieved by all tank crews. (CAT here we come!)

The next few months until September were spent in barracks and not a minute was wasted. A JNCOs' Cadre Course, Conversion Courses, two visits from UK School Cadets, the arrival of new tanks, leave, VIP visits and the build up to Exercise Lionheart kept us all on our toes.

The paper war prior to Exercise Lionheart gave us some indication of how enormous the exercise would be. Many reces and much planning beforehand created a wealth of work at all levels and the pleasure of driving out of barracks was never more than when we deployed on 14-15 September. Large exercises usually mean that the soldiers «on the ground» become bored, but fortunately we were kept fairly busy throughout.

We were all back in barracks by 28 September, and training for Gunnery Camp started in earnest so that we would be well prepared for the period 12-23 November at Hohne. It was delightful to see Maj Appleton and the officers of B Squadron for dinner one night. A mixture of bad weather, German holidays and availability of ranges meant that time spent shooting was not all that we would have liked; however, it was a very successful period.

Gunnery Camp was the highlight of our first year in Germany, and we hope that 1985 will not be quite so busy. We would like to pass our greetings to all members of The Royal Canadian Dragoons and hope for many more opportunities to arrange exchange visits in 1985.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR AFFILIATED FRENCH ARMY REGIMENT LE 12^e REGIMENT DE CUIRASSIERS

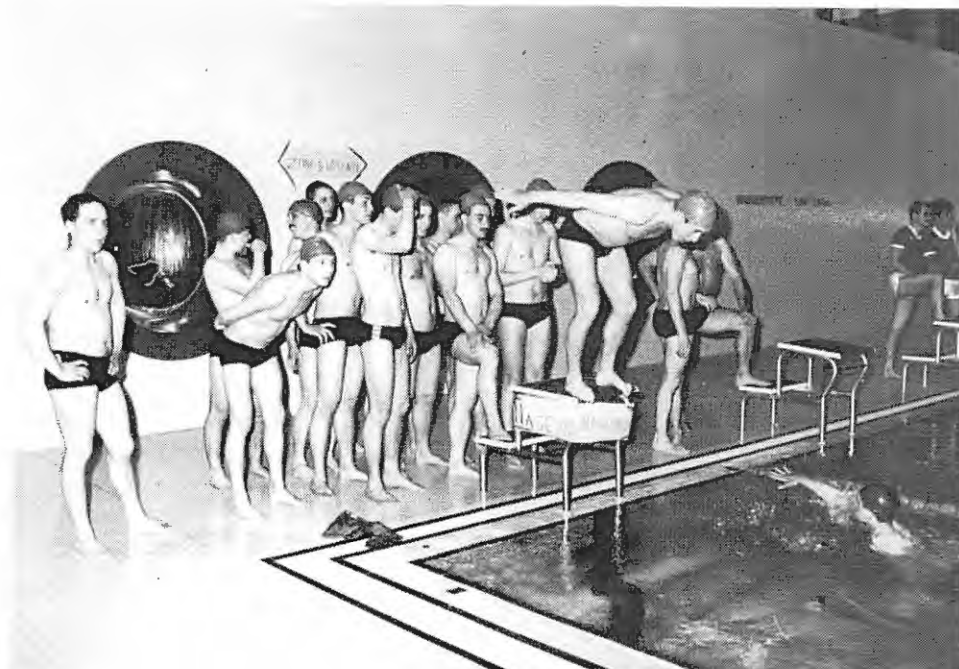
Le 12^e Régiment de Cuirassiers est fier de pouvoir se dire «frère d'armes» du The Royal Canadian Dragoons. En effet nos deux régiments se trouvaient dans les environs de Moreuil en mars 1918 et les Cuirassiers du 12^e purent donc assister aux charges victorieuses du The Royal Canadian Dragoons le 30 mars 1918.

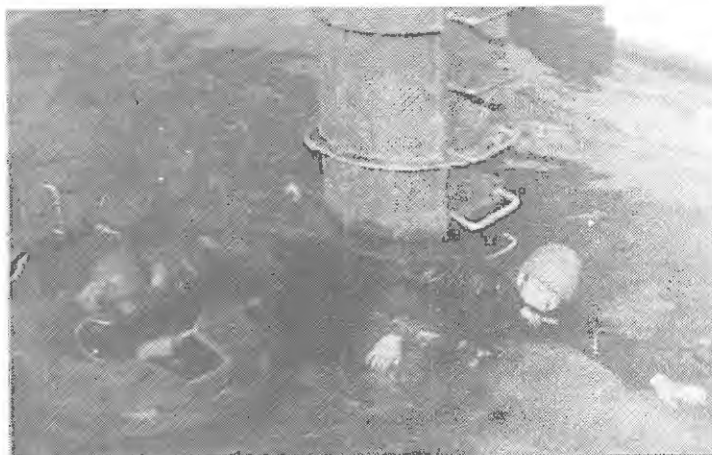
Lorsque environ 50 ans plus tard les deux régiments se retrouvèrent en Forêt-Noire, une telle coïncidence ne pouvait qu'aboutir à un jumelage qui nous honore.

Nous sommes donc heureux de présenter un des aspects spécifiques de son instruction: le franchissement de cours d'eau en submersion.

Cette activité demande de la part des équipages énormément de sang-froid et de savoir-faire technique. Nos équipages étant constitués en grande majorité par des appelés du contingent, effectuant un service de 12 mois, il importe que cette instruction soit à la fois progressive, complète, mais rapide.

C'est pourquoi les membres du personnel commencent par suivre une phase d'instruction préliminaire en piscine, où ils apprennent à se servir du scaphandre autonome.





Puis ils complètent leur instruction dans un char que l'on remplit volontairement d'eau. Cette phase a pour but de les rendre apte à évacuer un char en cas d'accident au fond d'une rivière.

Enfin, après avoir affiné leurs connaissances des savoir-faire techniques nécessaires à la préparation des chars, le grand «jour» arrive. Sur la photo, un chef de char procède au montage du «Schnorchel» de combat qui seul permet la survie de l'équipage et le fonctionnement du moteur en immersion.



L'équipe de plongeurs du régiment, après avoir reconnu le passage est prête à assurer la sécurité. D'effectif réduit à une dizaine de spécialistes titulaires de diplômes de plongée cette équipe embarquée sur des «zodiac» est prête à tout instant à intervenir pour libérer un équipage retenu sous les eaux . . .

Les chars sont prêts à s'engager.



Les mesures immédiates de protection et de sécurité ont été prises. Elles ont demandé dans leurs préparatifs une vingtaine de minutes.

L'instant à la fois attendu et redouté est là . . .



Il faut se souvenir que le char AMX 30 peut franchir en condition de combat, une profondeur allant jusqu'à quatre mètres. Sans «Schnorchel» les possibilités de franchissement sont réduites à deux mètres après un équipement sommaire.

Durant son Service national au régiment, un appelé aura franchi en submersion deux ou trois fois. Il pourra alors se considérer comme un vrai «Cuirassier» puisqu'il saura se comporter «comme un Dauphin dans l'eau».



Puis la traversée subaquatique s'effectue sans dommages, sous l'oeil des équipages attendant leur tour, et des plongeurs toujours prêts à intervenir. Le guidage du char, alors engagé sous l'eau, est assuré par radio depuis la rive . . . La responsabilité en incombe au capt commandant l'escadron.



**A MESSAGE FROM OUR AFFILIATED GERMAN
BUNDESWEHR BATTALION – PANZER BATTALION 293**



LCol Dean and other officers visited Panzer Battalion 293 and used this opportunity to observe the formation and tractics used by the battalion in Exercise «Starker Hammer» held on 21-23 March 1984.



Oberstleutnant von Heimendahl observes manoeuvres during the RCD's visit.



The RCD sent a team to participate in the sports meet held by Panzer Battalion 293 on 26 and 27 June 1984. The Canadian soldiers left behind a good impression not only in the Tug-Of-War but in other track events as well.



During the track and field meet we learned that our Canadian friends were real sportsmen.

Reconnaissance



Squadron



RECCE SQUADRON

There once was a squadron called D
That changed its name to RECCE.
Though its title was new,
And its tac sign was too,
New Lynxs there never would be.

D Squadron began the year 1984 with the usual hustle and bustle of garrison life and training. From January to early March the Tracked Recce Vehicle Driver course and Heuberg Small Arms Camp managed to keep everyone busy. Once again, the Lynx proved that they were still reliable as they completed the long road move to Stetten and back with hardly a breakdown. Meanwhile, Lt Thomas and Sgt Shaw were preparing a team of jocks to take to the NATO Boeselager competition in April. In the spring, Lt Atkins led a merry bunch of aspiring mountaineers to the rocky crags of Wales for some good adventure training. As well, several recce soldiers got to go on the Mine Warfare and Demolitions course and learned how to blow up just about anything (except themselves).

Bergen Hohne Gun Camp was naturally the highlight of the training cycle in the first half of 1984. D Squadron managed to perfect the art of setting range fires with .50 cal tracer in record time. Actually everyone benefitted from the live-fire training, and congratulations go to Sgt Blakely's patrol and Sgt Austin's crew for their fine performances that won them top honours. Of course, before the trip home, who could resist the opportunity to enjoy a few exciting water sports at the Hamelin Fast Water Swim Camp.

The Change of Command ceremonies in June marked the departure of many old friends and the arrival of many new ones. As Maj Taylor took over the reins from Maj Wilkinson, he was faced with the awesome task of converting a crude lot of diehard tankers to the finer philosophy of brigade reconnaissance. Before anyone could blink an eye, and with new soldiers still arriving each day, the Squadron deployed to Munsingen RMA in July to put theory into practice and to fine tune its basic recce skills. Thanks to the fine efforts put forth by everyone concerned, the Lynx was soon moving across the German countryside with at least some semblance of order and purpose. The Squadron Sports Day and the arrival of B Flight, 444 THS brought some welcome relief from the rigorous training schedule, and the latter added a new dimension to the Squadron's operations.

After an all-too-brief visit with loved ones at home, it was back out to the RMA for the start of Fallex 84. Squadron training in Hohenfels carried on at an even more vigorous pace and finished with a demanding three-day FTX, with Lt Thomas' and Sgt Beaton's enthusiastic band of cutthroats from RHQ Recce Troop doing the honours as enemy force. After the chaotic adventures of one particular night, it is unlikely that the crew of 4A will ever forget Sgt Saunder's face again. Soon afterwards, it was 3 Troop's turn to return the favours at the Regimental FTX, where they managed to keep the tankers on their toes for a few days. The whole period of training ended with the grand finale of Brigade Ex Solo Passage, where, after getting the rest of 4 CMBG deployed in an orderly manner, the Squadron showed the Germans what deep penetration and rear area security was all about.

II German Corps' Ex Flinker Igel was undoubtedly the shining star of the show for 1984. For Recce Squadron, it was a rare and enlightening opportunity to work closely with divisional reconnaissance forces and to see what the big picture looked like. The pace of operations was unprecedented, and the scout troops, augmented by Lt Hart's 8 CH Militia troop, were in almost constant contact with the enemy from the word go. Surrounded by Leopard 2s, Marders and Krakas, the eyes and ears (especially Sgt Galas' ears) of the Brigade successfully carried out its mission under the most hectic and stressful circumstances possible.

The return home in September was not only the end, but also the beginning of yet another cycle of training. While many recce crewman went off to learn new skills on the Combat Leaders, Leo Gunners, and Leo Drivers courses, others set about the vital task of getting the Lynx back into tip-top condition. Leliefontein Week provided the chance for everyone to let their hair down (what hair?) and get some partying time in; but it was also a lot of work this year for the Squadron, as all ranks pitched in to make the 1984 RCD Volksmarsch a resounding success.

As 1984 draws to a close, Recce Squadron looks forward to the New Year and to:
Keeping the Spirit of Recce Alive in '85!



Lt «Otis» Ostler does some heavy duty thinking on the next phase of operations.



Is this any way to play volleyball? Cpl Handgraaf shows his championship form at the Squadron Sports Day.



«It's so hard to find parking spots in these little German towns!» 42A in Hohehofs RMA.



The OC tries his best to tell right leg from left in the chain-of-command race during Regimental Sports Day.



A gypsy caravan, you say? No, it's just another Recce Squadron leaguer.



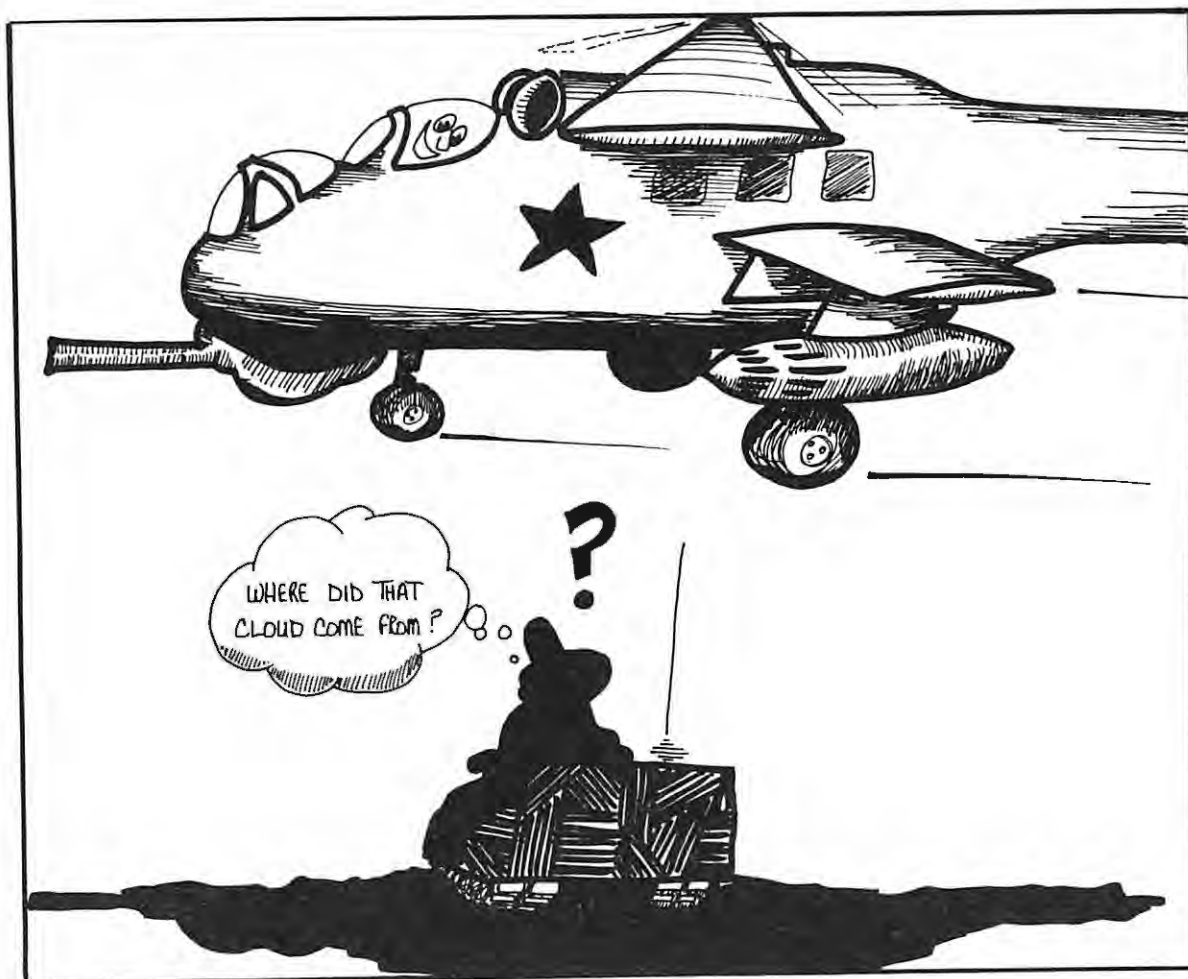
Cpl Patterson enjoys the comfortable accommodations on the train to Fallex '84.



Recce Squadron marches past as part of the Leliefontein parade.



Enthusiastic barmen contributed to the success of the 1984 Leliefontein Volksmarsch (left to right): Cpl Beaudry, Tpr Pierce, Cpl Ramm, Cpl Labonté, Cpl Bates.



RCD SPORTS

1984 proved to be a very interesting year for sporting events in the RCD. Although the Regiment didn't win any championships, we did manage to place strongly in a few of the CFE sports leagues.

The RCD Springboks hockey team did not have one of its best seasons. The team finished fifth out of seven in the league. However, in the new 84-85 season they have already shown great promise to do well in the new year.

The no-hit hockey team had quite a struggle to make a play-off position this year. They won a birth in the semi-finals of the A division. This was a short-lived victory, however, as they lost in a two-game total-point series to 1 R22eR.

We now exchange skates and hockey sticks for suction-cup running shoes and brooms and take a lash at the broomball team. Under the guidance of coach WO Braye the «Leos» enjoyed a very good season. They ended the year in a respectable third place after being defeated by the league-winning Vandoos in the semi-finals.

Out of the rinks and into the gymnasium. This year's Springbok volleyball team displayed strong court knowledge and excellent playing ability. They ended the action-packed season with a bronze medal placing third out of seven teams in the league.

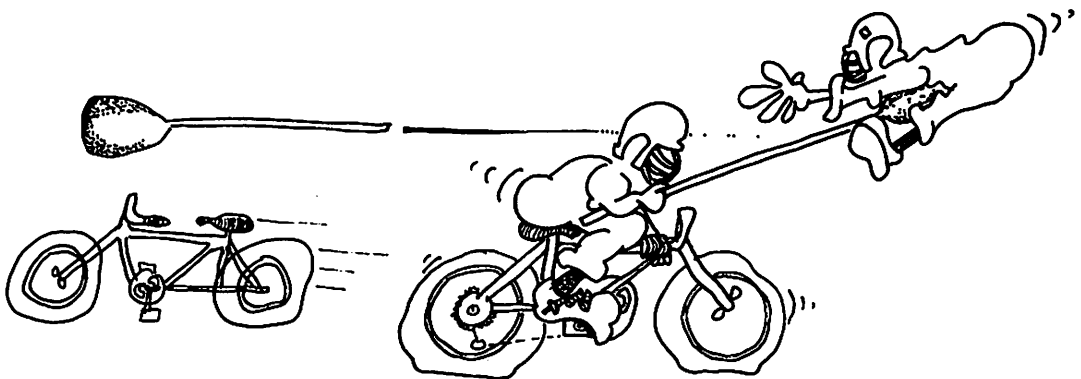
Let's leave the enclosed areas now and head outdoors to the grassy soccer fields. Our reigning champions from last year had an excellent season again, but our long-standing record as league champions finally came to an end as the team lost 2-1 in a two-game total-point series against 4 Svc Bn.

During the summer the RCD track and field team discovered it was not their year to «go for the gold» in the Brigade Sports Day. Due to the Regiment's course loadings and the lack of preparation time because of Fallex, our athletes were somewhat unprepared for the majority of the events. One bright point in the competition was our forced march team which placed fourth and achieved 10 out of 17 accumulated RCD points. Well done team! We'll get 'em next year.

Regimental Sports

In November the annual Leliefontein fun sports day took place. The Colonel of the Regiment, BGen Bell, officially declared the games open with the lighting of the infamous RCD eternal flame. It was a hard-fought battle by all squadrons in events such as tent pegging, pig-out rally, tug of war, chain-of-command race, flag football, etc. Eventually the points were tallied and A Squadron was the winner.

Finally, amid all the confusion of ATI, GOCs, exercises, courses, etc, the Regiment still managed to carry on with inter-squadron sports leagues. Every Wednesday afternoon the squadrons compete in events such as hockey, broomball, volleyball, baseball, etc, depending on the time of the year. The events are geared towards encouraging maximum participation and to let the players have as much fun as possible while getting in shape. No Matter what team wins, everyone who participates is a winner!

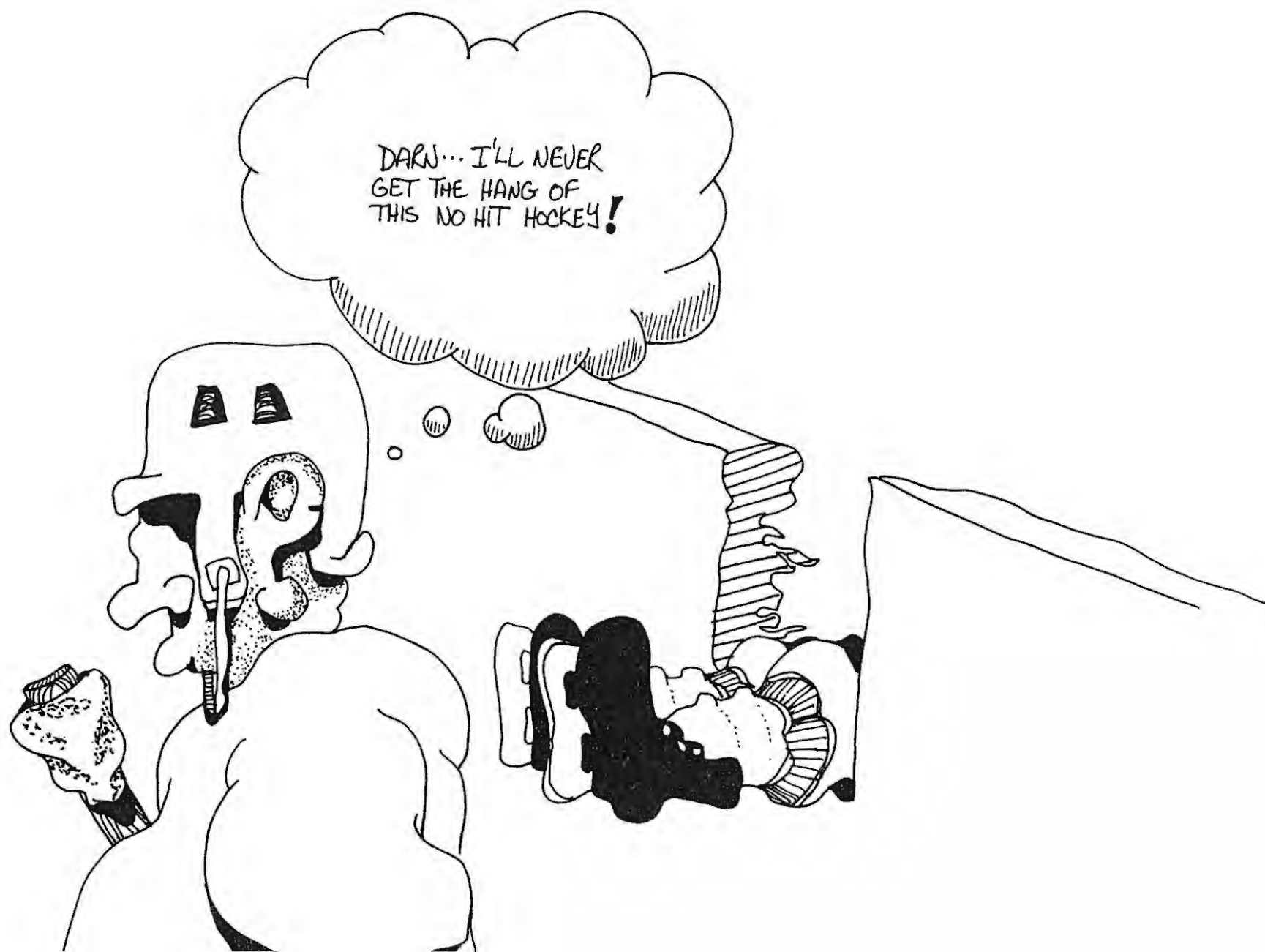


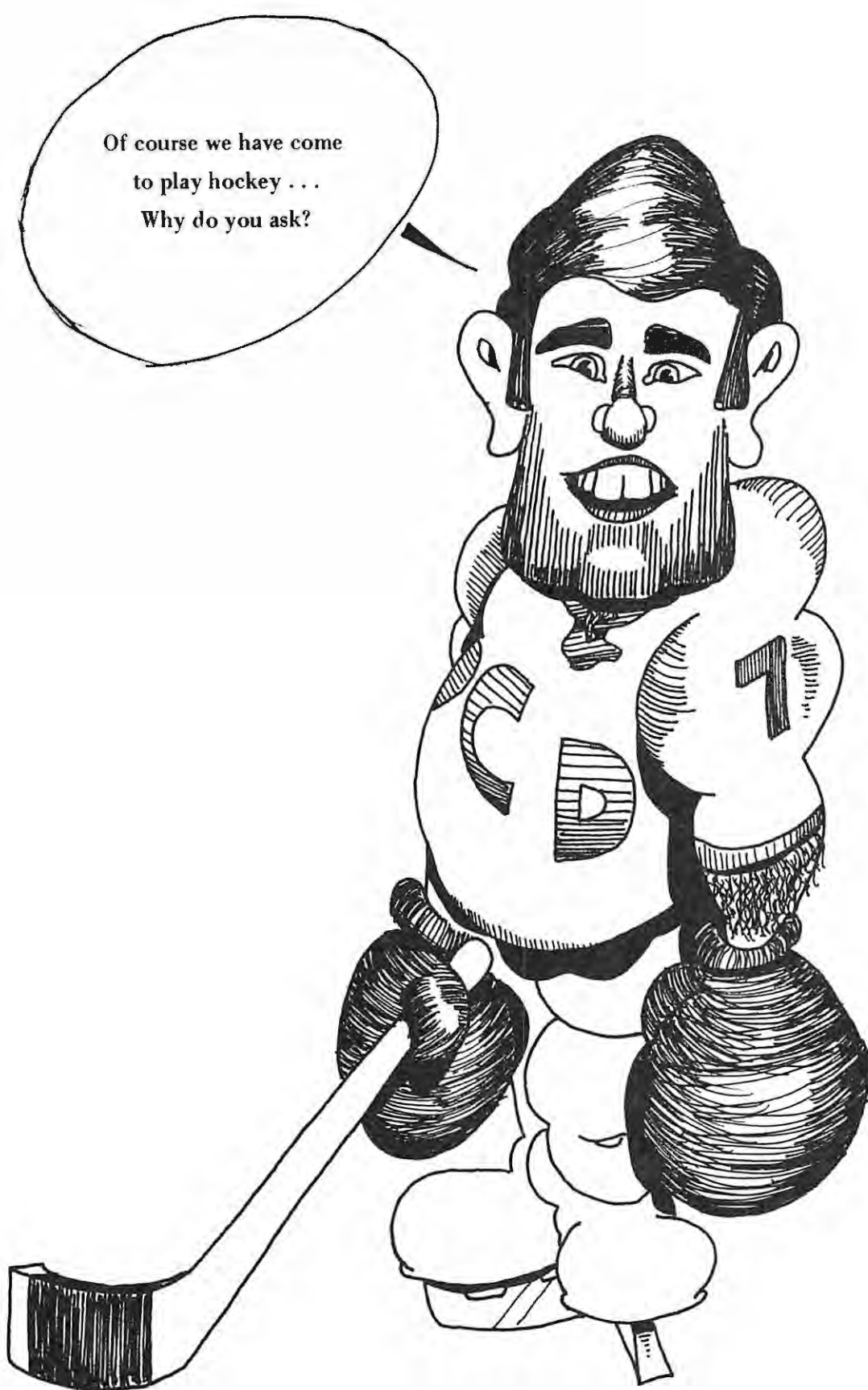


Sgt Locke receives the first place trophy for Inter-Squadron hockey from Maj price, Regimental Sports Officer.



The forced march team just after the finish during Brigade Sports Day.





THE RCD YPRES/NIJMEGEN MARCH TEAM

Memories and blisters have faded since Nijmegen. Only the worn-out boots remain. Here is the story of the forgotten tribe. (To remain an anonymous reader, dark glasses can be worn).

One might think walking 40 km a day for four days carrying 10-kg packs is a piece of cake. But as one begins the second day one discovers the common denominator of all marches – PAIN ! !

To prepare for the challenge of Nijmegen our team registered for a march in Ypres, Belgium (the 100 km of IEPER) 1-3 June 1984. The march consisted of 35 km a day for three days. This gave us an inkling of what Nijmegen was to be. Our trip to Ypres consisted of how many times we would cross the Belgian/French borders and how much food Cpl Terry Webber would consume while the rest of the team was on the brink of starvation.

On the first day of the march the local veterans performed a memorial service at the Canadian Monument, St. Julien, for those Canadians lost in the two wars. We won't forget our talk with the «Old Guy» at his home where he has memorabilia of both wars. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the veterans for the thoughtful gesture and to the Belgian people for being so friendly.

Tpr Keith Jones, Tpr Mike Brown and our medic MCpl Ernie (Woody) Wood provided outstanding support. Woody liked the question of «What's this friar's balsam?» as we pulled our screaming «Bel-ique» friend, Tpr Sam Kuhn, from the roof of the tent.

As we marched the question arose on the second day, «Where the ?!*?» is the base?» Tpr Stu Hayes can elaborate more, especially when the base was always in sight past the half-way mark. Special mention is made to Tpr «Crow» Kenty, Cpl «Zonnebeek» Snow, Tpr «Belique» Sam and Tpr «Oosterbeek» Pritchard for around the clock entertainment.

The last day was finally upon us and we departed for home. On the trip back the Polizei became curious of a green «Blur» in a 70 km/h zone. It was our Indy driver, Tpr Keith Jones. They were impressed by his handling of a 2-1/2 ton truck. Lt Puddister was amazed that after eight hours driving we never cracked the same joke twice.

The month following consisted of going back to work, resting from Belgium and then training for Nijmegen.

It seemed like the next day we were in Nijmegen. We arrived there all wide-eyed and bushy-tailed ready for anything. The first day, adrenaline pumping after MCpl Helmet Hauschildt's («H») inspiring warm-ups, we began. Each day smiling, singing songs and fighting off souvenir hunters, we trudged along. Special mention should be made of the Dutch people for being highly supportive and especially patient to listen to our songs. To alleviate this problem we unleashed our PR man, our doctor, MCpl Jim Tolmie and his Smurf. MCpl Tolmie is also a fan of friar's balsam; his definition: «Dat hot stuff you put in blisters dat make you scream, really good stuff.» Thanks Doc! Once again, as that common denominator (painnn) began to surface, the question came up «Okay, where are the 222s?; H, do you have any?»

THE LAST DAY! ! Words cannot express how we felt. The «Victory March» for the last six km made one not only proud to complete the march but also proud to be Canadian as we were one of 33 countries participating. When we finally halted, we were anxious to change to normal dress and do some heavy partying before the trip back the next day. All that night, plans were discussed to submit an entry to the Guinness Book of Records for Lt Puddister's feet as being the most blistered or to just put them on a plaque and mount them at the unit as a remembrance of Nijmegen 84. In conclusion, we had a fantastic time and highly recommend the march. So long from the Ypres/Nijmegen march team!



Honestly, Doc, none of us have blisters!



Lt Puddister: «OK Martel, I get the hint. We'll pick up the pace.»



MCpl Tolmie: «Ja Herr Martel, Vee have vays to make you valk!»

THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS WIVES' CLUB

The RCD Wives' Club provides a vehicle whereby all ladies of the Regiment can meet one another socially. The Club assists the wives and children of all personnel on strength of the Regiment whenever and wherever help is required and can be given.

The Club had an active 1984. It started off in January with a potluck supper and Pfennig auction. Colleen Donnelly was a very capable auctioneer. February brought in a new executive:

President

Rachel Provost-Forsyth

Vice President

Faye Swanburg (Feb - June)

Linda Dedrick (Sep - Feb)

Secretary

Lee Fischer

Treasurer

Karyn Betts

Entertainment Conveners

Bonnie Taylor, Libby Price

Ways & Means Convener

Brenda Moore

At this meeting we also had a presentation on Fasching given by Trisha Cornforth. In March, Deborah Jacques gave us hints on how to bring out «that inner radiance». Linda Dedrick and Rita Blake-ney graciously served as models for the make-up demonstration. April was a different story . . . Gail Simons took away the inner radiance by putting us through a little (?), easy aerobic workout. Ha! In May, Marcy Nichol gave us an excuse to buy a new spring wardrobe through a «Colour Me Beautiful» session. Later in the month, about 40 ladies enjoyed a Sunday brunch and tour at the Baden-Baden Casino. What a luxurious day! Also in May, the Junior Ranks Rest Area, in appreciation of continuous support, was presented with a dartboard. June seems to be the time to say goodbye and in this respect we had a dinner at the Gasthaus in Friesenheim to bid farewell and thank you to active members returning to Canada. At this time they were presented with mementoes from the Club.

During the summer months the Club was still active. Because of the great influx of new personnel, the Club assisted the Information Centre by setting up their own Welcoming Committee. Many ladies volunteered their time to drop in on newcomers. It is hoped that all enjoyed meeting someone from their husband's Regiment and . . . if you were missed, it certainly wasn't intentional!

In August, over 75 ladies attended the annual Meet & Greet. A great turnout! September's Family Picnic was perfect – lots of sun, fun, food and people. Many thanks to the Rear Party and all those who volunteered to make this day a success.

The September meeting was especially interesting to newcomers. Mexi Springer's «Mini Guide to Lahr and Surroundings» proved to be a wealth of tips and information. Games night was the theme for our October meeting. November followed with a Crafts Night where several ladies demonstrated their skills by sharing Christmas craft ideas.

The year wound up with a Regimental Children's Christmas Party and Brunch with Santa. The youngsters (young and old alike) enjoyed a delicious brunch and treats from Santa. This was sponsored by the Club and supported with Regimental funds.

Our continuous support of the families of Regimental members is shown through hospital visitations. Every week a volunteer drops off and visits dependents who are hospitalized.

Naturally, activities as mentioned and hospital visitations cannot be done without funds. Our major fund-raising events included muffin stands at the Merchants' Fairs held in March and October as well as the confectionary stand at the RCD Volksmarsch in November.

In closing, the Club wishes to thank the Regiment for its tremendous support of our activities. We wish to extend a most sincere welcome to ladies interested in joining us at our monthly meetings, normally held the second Tuesday of the month. Newsletters are sent out every month to remind and inform you of the activity. Come and join us!



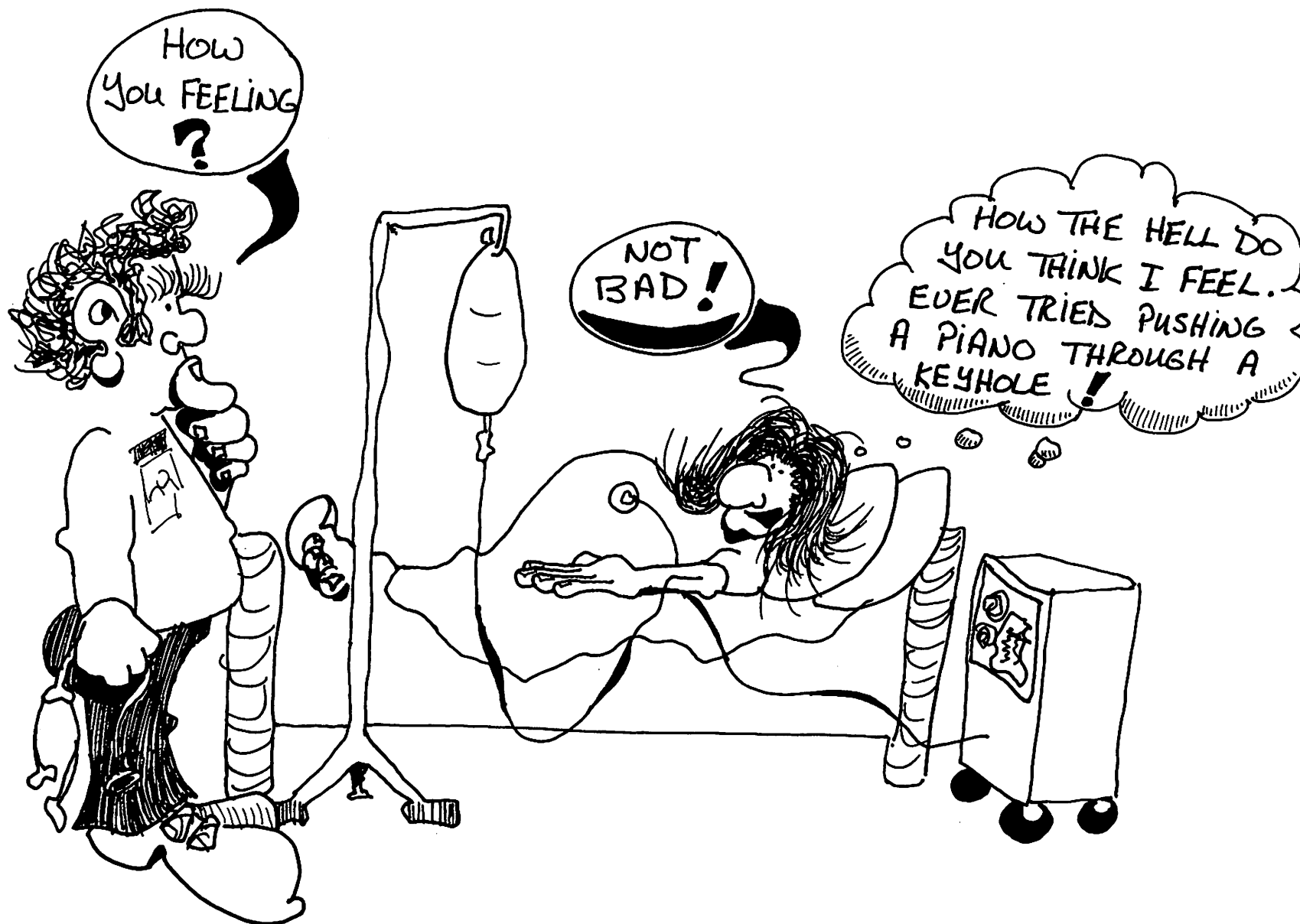
Family Picnic — September



The Dart Board is presented to Junior Ranks Rest Area.



Brunch with Santa



AND NOW BACK AT THE HOME FRONT





HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

As another year comes to a close HQ Sqn looks back on a job well done. In support of most of the Regimental activities this past year was a cast of thousands. If you didn't notice us we were doing our job right.

The squadron spent the early part of 1984 recuperating from the hectic centennial year and supporting Regimental courses. March saw us off to Heuberg where we once again displayed our skill at hitting the broadside of barns. Transport remained behind to accumulate a few more gray hairs and terrorized the back roads of the Schwarzwald with the Driver Wheeled Course. Then it was off to Bergen-Hohne to watch the tank squadrons shoot holes in the fog at gun camp.

Spring had no sooner flown by when we were into the annual migration of the flock during which the Squadron lost a good percentage of its experienced personnel. The throne was passed from Maj Hook to Maj Price and Capt Leclair came in to replace Capt Crober.

Munsingen was next on the agenda. Transport, hit with the annual rash of new personnel and a new driver's examination, spent most of their time trying to qualify enough people to get the trucks there. Thank heavens for tank trains. Expecting the comforts of the shack and hard stand, the Squadron was overjoyed to pull out the air mattresses and bask in the sun and the meadows of the training area. Always flexible and ready to adapt to changing situations, a nine-hole golf course soon appeared to the joy of Sgt Manuel and others.

No sooner were the trucks back in the North Marg, and it was time to go again to Hohenfels. Having developed good tans in Munsingen and not wanting everyone to think that a tour in HQ Squadron is like a vacation, Capt Leclair and SSM Grant convinced the OC to move us under the trees. The support continued and map-reading became the priority. The Squadron learned that almost any vehicle could become a tank in the eyes of Recce Squadron as we roamed the roads allowing them to practise counting. This training was beneficial to all and particularly the SSM and RSM who learned the essentials of recovery techniques.

Fallex proved to be interesting for HQ Squadron. The maintenance officer laid his career on the line for the quartermaster, to the dismay of the ETSM, by vowing to recover B Echelon from the swamp. The ETSM was able to wear a rain suit in lieu of a gas suit (left beside some tree somewhere?) for the entire Fallex. WO Belair enjoyed the opportunity to practise his recovery techniques on the ETSM's 5/4 ton. WO Thompson and Sgt Good fought a fierce battle to see who could get lost the most. While doing a duty shift in 8B the RQMS, MWO Lessard, learned that the QM wears a harpoon well. The transmission went like this:

From 89 to 8B — «Has the QM left for the logbrief yet?»

8B replies — «Yes he left about 15 mins ago. But he's on his way back to my location. He forgot the PDS and DBL.»

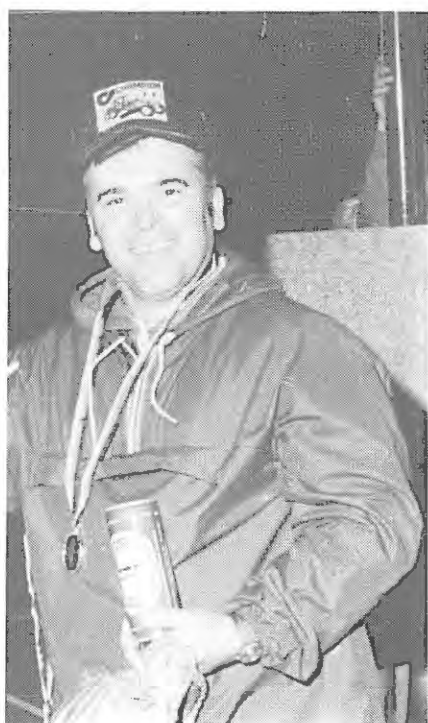
The ETSM and TQMS, MWO Horgan, continued their battle for the golden swan award. They are both trying to exchange their vehicles for jeeps as they have heard a rumour about a mileage restriction on 5/4 tons.

With the end of Fallex, Leliefontein was just around the corner; and just in time as N-50 was in need of another paint job. The week was a success and was enjoyed by all.

As the year rounds to a close HQ Squadron Maintenance is pleased that Transport has come to join them in N-50; next year's paint job will be half as much work. Preparations for the Annual Technical Inspection in January are well under way and everyone is working hard to make it a success. 1984 has been a good year for HQ Squadron — a lot of work and a lot of fun.



Humble, isn't he!



«I really did get this medal for baseball!»



Would you buy a car from this man?



MCpl Carter: «Sir, what do you mean Sgt McNeil's moustache isn't better than mine»



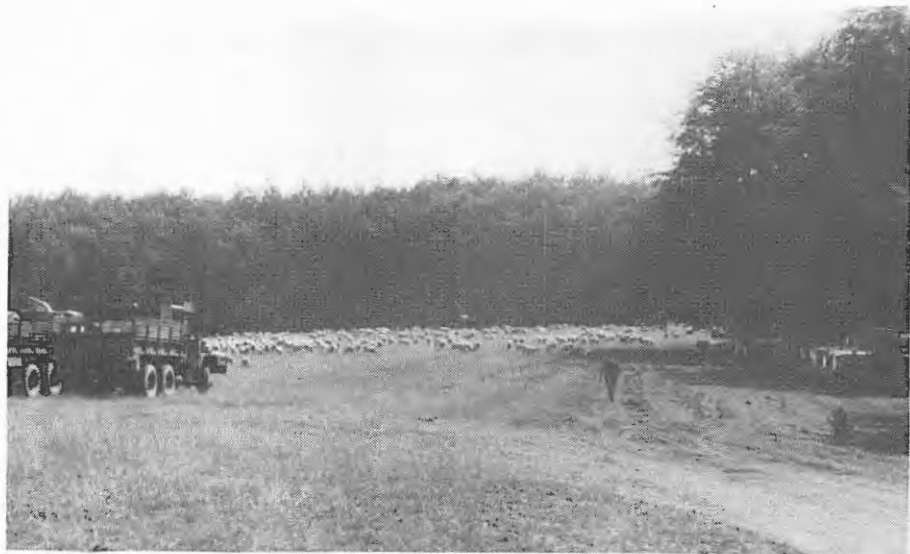
I chew nails too.



The ninth hole.



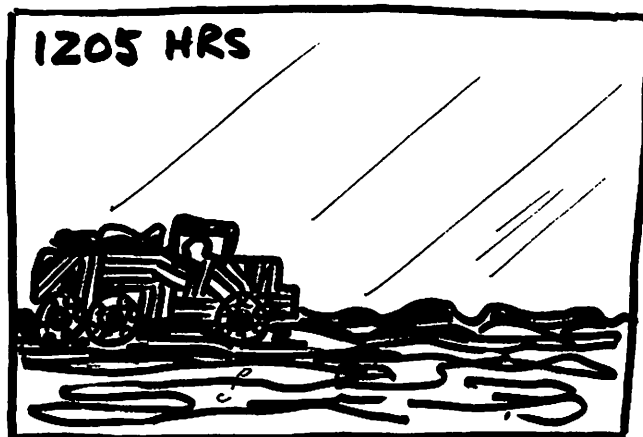
CO: «My moustache is better, isn't it?»



Get them out of here. They're interrupting the golf game.



A conspiracy.



REGIMENTAL DP



LEOPARD DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE COURSE 8402

During the fall of 1984 A squadron was tasked to run the annual Leopard Driving and Maintenance Course. This year's course loading was doubled with the addition of 20 students and five instructors from the 8CH (PL). The challenge of organizing and conducting such a large course went to Lt Melville and WO Smith, both from A Squadron.

After three days of instructor standardization the course moved into high gear (so to speak) on 13 November. Students were separated into crews to occupy the eight crew bays. The first week and a half was devoted to theory. Students learned to live with the quickie test every morning.

On 26 November the fun part began. The students finally got a chance to display their driving skills during cross-country driving in the Langenhard and Langenwinkel driving areas. During this period an alert Snowball exercise was called in Canadian Forces Europe and the 8CH students found out first hand how heavy 105 mm ammunition really is. While students «humped» ammunition Sgt Proctor assured everyone that the five tanks left in the Langenhard driving area were in fact ready to go into battle, despite all the mud.

It was during this period that the instructors proved two very valuable lessons that they had been teaching. First, MCpl McNutt demonstrated that a tank will slide off a flatcar when it is covered with mud. Second, Sgt Martin proved, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that a tank on an incline with hand brakes off will roll downhill when the engine is switched off (scratch one concrete wall!).

The final week of the course was spent driving on roads, final exams, maintenance and out clearance. Sgt Austin, who is used to those little kiddy cars in Recce Squadron, and his driver managed to spoil one civilian's day when their tank drove over his car while making a turn.

Finally the big day arrived and the Leopard driver certificates were presented. The commanding officer presided over the ceremonies and congratulated the students. He presented a plaque to Cpl Ries for finishing first on the course.

Leopard Driving and Maintenance Course 8402 was one of the largest trade courses conducted by the RCD in some years. Despite the large number of students the course proved to be a success. Many thanks to the instructors who worked so hard to make it all worthwhile.



OK, now what do I do?

SPRINGBOK POPULATION GROWS ON THE PRAIRIE



DRAGOONS AT CFB SUFFIELD (front row, left to right): WO J.F. Egan, Capt K.R. Carhart, Col J.N. Murphy, CWO (BSM) A.L. McAdams; and (back row) Cpl M.P. Billinger, MCpl J.R. Tozer, MCpl D.P. Crayne, MCpl J.G. Rooney, Cpl M.A. Wilkerson.

The Strathcona claim of being the «Armour of the West» is being challenged as more Dragoons are posted west of the Ontario border. The rolling grasslands of CFB Suffield, while home to several Dragoons, is also the home of the British Army Training Unit. This provides a unique opportunity to observe live fire training at the battle group level.

All Dragoons in the West are looking forward to the arrival of C Squadron at Suffield this June as part of RV '85.

MCPLS' MESS

The year 1984 was a busy one for the MCpls' Mess.

MCpl Bartlett was the PMC from September 1983 to June 1984. He was posted to CFRS Cornwallis during the summer and MCpl Boutiller was appointed the new PMC.

At the beginning of the year a sports night was held at the Senior NCOs' Rest Area. During the spring the mess was set up in Bergen-Hohne during gun camp. This proved to be a successful move and all members enjoyed having their mess there.

Soon after gun camp the annual Rotation Party was held and we said good-bye to old faces.

The normal routine of the Regiment continued after Fallex with many people away on course. The Vice PMC, MCpl Aymar, filled in for MCpl Boutiller who was on course in Gagetown.

During the fall the MCpls' Mess of 1 RCHA was invited to our mess and all welcomed the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones amongst the Gunners. We hope to continue this contact in the future.

To round out the year a formal dinner was held on 4 November. Everybody was on their best behavior which amazed and impressed everyone.

The new year will welcome a new Mess Committee. The members of the MCpls, Mess look forward to the activities of the coming year.

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**BGen H.A. Phillips OBE, CD
1910-1985**

Former Colonel of the Regiment and Commanding Officer of The Royal Canadian Dragoons, Brigadier-General H.A. «Buster» Phillips OBE, CD, died in Victoria B.C. on 6 February 1985.

Brigadier Phillips was born in Rampur, India in October 1910. He was educated in England and at University School, Victoria, B.C. and The Royal Military College in Kingston prior to being commissioned into the Regiment in 1931.

While serving with the Regiment prior to the Second World War he was a member of the Canadian Army Team which participated in horse shows in both North America and Europe.

Overseas service during the war was spent with the 5th Canadian Armoured Division and the 1st Canadian Infantry Division in the United Kingdom, Italy and Northwest Europe. Upon his return to Canada he commanded The Royal Canadian Dragoons from 1946 to 1949. He later served in a variety of staff appointments in both Canada and Europe. His final position was that of Director General Senior Appointments at Army Headquarters.

Brigadier-General Phillips served as Colonel of the Regiment from 1964 - 1970. He spent his retirement in British Columbia where he resided until his death.

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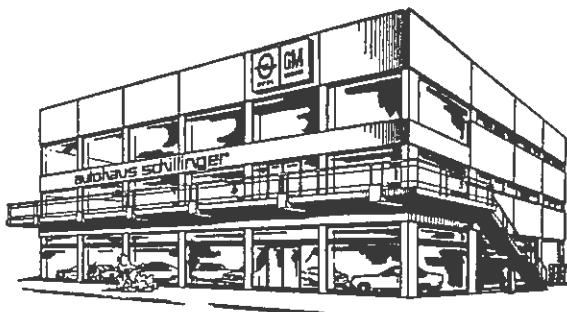


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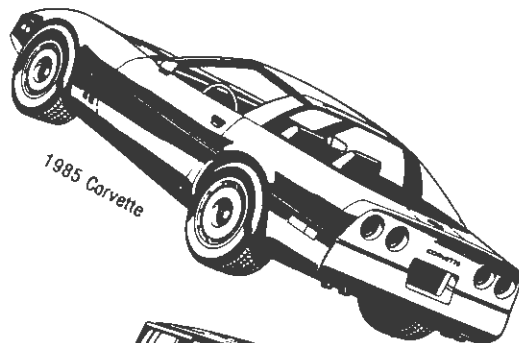


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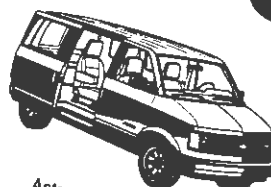
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